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U.S. debt is set to hit $40 trillion this week

Lost revenue from Trump's tariffs has forced faster borrowing

BY **STEVE THOMPSON** AND **RILEY BEGGIN**

The U.S. national debt is likely to surpass $40 trillion this week, months earlier than forecasters previously expected in part because of billions of dollars in lost revenue from President Donald Trump's invalidated tariffs.

The lost revenue has forced the Treasury Department to borrow more rapidly to cover the nation's bills: Six months ago, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) projected that total borrowing would top out at $39.4 trillion this fiscal year. But on Monday, Treasury reported that the debt stood at $39.9 trillion and counting.

The faster accumulation of debt comes at a perilous moment. An array of concerns, including inflation, the war in Iran and rising debt levels around the world, are driving investors to dump government bonds.

On Tuesday, the interest rates that investors demanded on 30-year U.S. Treasury bonds spiked to their highest level in nearly two decades. This year, annual interest payments on the debt are projected to top $1 trillion, according to the CBO — about the size of the Pentagon budget.

More rapid borrowing also means the next deadline for raising the legal debt limit is likely to arrive ahead of schedule. Just last year, Congress set the debt limit at $41.1 trillion. Budget an-

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Forest protections could be in crosshairs

Trump seeks to repeal 2001 rule, opening millions of acres to roads

BY **JAKE SPRING**

The Trump administration Tuesday proposed a full repeal of a rule that for decades has prevented road-building and logging inside tens of millions of acres of near-pristine national forests, a move that environmental advocates fear could fragment already-threatened woodlands.

The Agriculture Department said that the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule, often called the "roadless rule," was outdated and that greater flexibility was needed to combat the growing threat of wildfires on public land. Roads can provide greater access for firefighting crews and can serve as firebreaks.

"Our forests can't afford another decade of inaction. Across the country, we've watched preventable conditions — overgrown stands, insect outbreaks and disease — turn healthy landscapes into tinderboxes," Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins said in the statement.

"For too long, outdated restrictions have kept tens of millions

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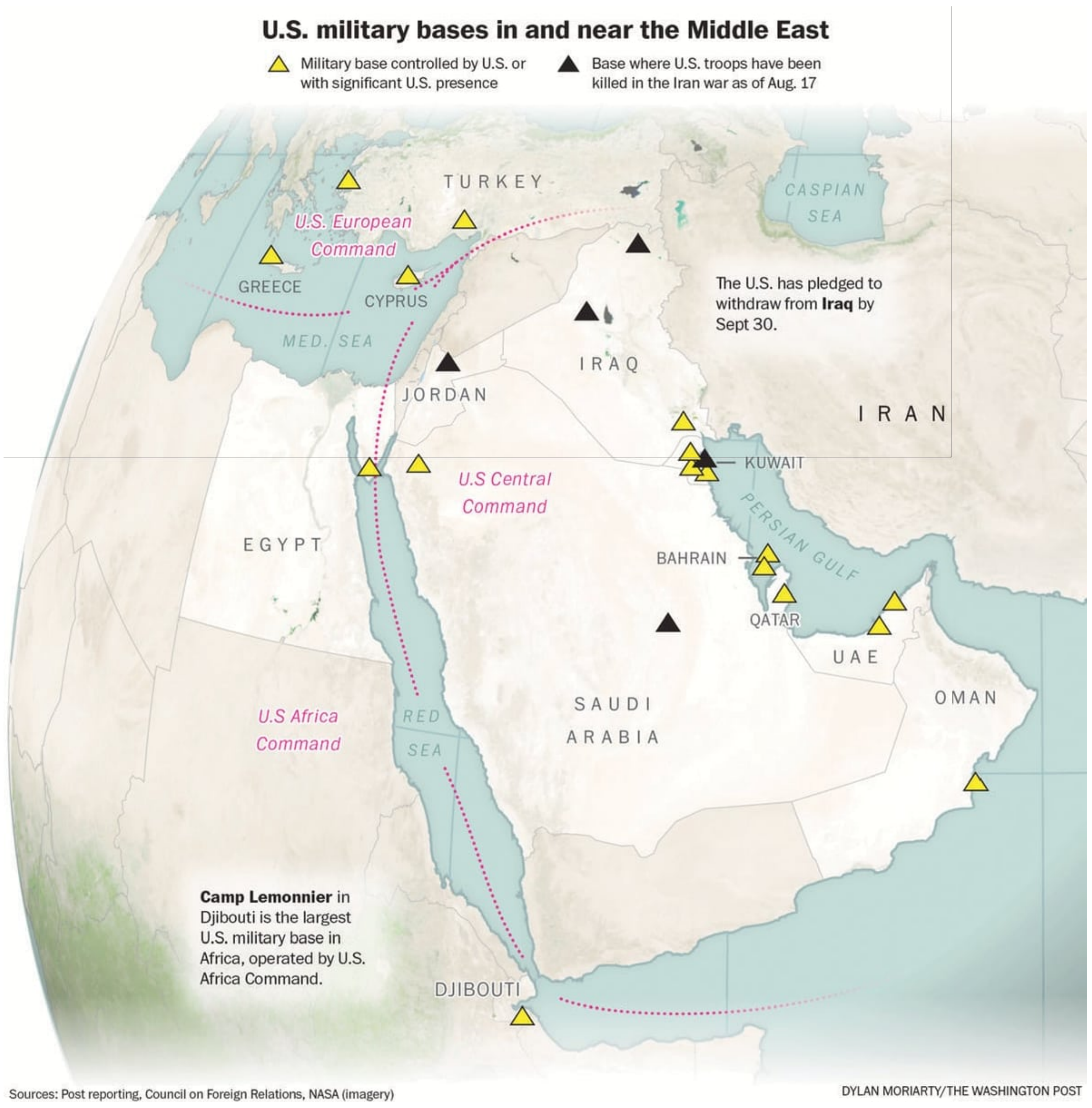
U.S. military bases in and near the Middle East

Military base controlled by U.S. or with significant U.S. presence

Base where U.S. troops have been killed in the Iran war as of Aug. 17

The U.S. has pledged to withdraw from **Iraq** by Sept 30.

Camp Lemonnier in Djibouti is the largest U.S. military base in Africa, operated by U.S. Africa Command.

Sources: Post reporting, Council on Foreign Relations, NASA (imagery)

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Fallback for U.S. weighed in Gulf

SMALLER FOOTPRINT AFTER IRAN WAR

Pentagon hints it may not rebuild bases as before

BY **NOAH ROBERTSON**, **JOHN HUDSON** AND **SUSANNAH GEORGE**

The Pentagon is evaluating its military footprint in the Middle East in an early sign of the Iran war's potential to transform the U.S. presence in the region, according to eight people, including officials and others familiar with the matter.

One of the key areas the Defense Department is assessing is whether to pull back troops from the Persian Gulf, where America's large overseas military bases have been battered by months of Iranian strikes, two people familiar with the ongoing analysis said.

The damage to these facilities has prompted a once-in-a-generation chance for the Pentagon to reconsider its presence in the region. The Defense Department has already signaled that it might not rebuild its bases as they were before the conflict.

The evaluation is being led by the Pentagon's policy office, though a senior Pentagon official, who like others spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the sensitive analysis, said that the Joint Staff and U.S. Central Command were also studying the issue.

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth had not yet ordered a formal review of U.S. posture in the region, the official said. Instead, the official cast the analysis as "prudent planning" that could eventually inform how the administration addresses whether to rebuild the bases damaged during the war.

"Decisions are going to have to be made on some of this stuff," the official said.

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Whistleblower: Politics drove Ivy League probes

Ex-DOJ attorney casts doubt on antisemitism claims on campuses

BY **JEREMY ROEBUCK** AND **DANIELLE DOUGLAS-GABRIEL**

The Trump administration task force charged with investigating antisemitism on Ivy League campuses pressured universities into punitive settlements despite turning up little to no evidence of systemic abuse, according to a whistleblower complaint made public Tuesday.

The complaint — filed by Haley Van Erem, a former career attorney in the Justice Department's civil rights division who said she was involuntarily detailed to work on the probes last year — alleged that the outcomes of investigations into schools like Harvard, Brown and Columbia were "predetermined without regard to the evidence" in a "politically mandated effort" to suspend their government funding and grab headlines.

When career attorneys raised objections that the evidence did not support the administration's position or the tactics it was pursuing, including targeting Muslim professors for interviews, they were overruled and ignored, she said.

"Ms. Van Erem and other DOJ assignees repeatedly warned that funding suspensions lacked legal basis and that evidence did not support findings of violations at Brown," Van Erem's attorneys wrote in the 25-page filing, adding, "In the cases of Columbia

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The latest in a months-long saga

Work to correct the cracking and flaking liner at the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool is underway, weeks after the government dropped charges against people accused of vandalizing the fabled basin, citing instead the "botched" renovation efforts. **Story, A6**

El-Sayed's Michigan win snarls Democrats' plans

The party's path to a Senate majority relies on holding the state

BY **THEODORIC MEYER**

Abdul El-Sayed's victory in Michigan's Democratic primary has complicated Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer's plans to help Democrats retake the Senate in November, tying his party's fortunes to a candidate some Democrats in Michigan say they cannot support — even if it means costing Democrats the Senate majority.

Michigan is crucial for Democrats. The party's path to a Senate majority relies on holding the state and all of its other current seats, as well as flipping four Republican-held seats — including at least two seats in states that Donald Trump won by double-digit margins in 2024. If El-Sayed loses in Michigan, which Trump carried by less than two points in 2024, Democrats would need to flip a fifth Republican seat in deep-red territory.

Schumer backed Rep. Haley Stevens over El-Sayed in the primary, saying he thought she had a better chance of winning in November. The New York Democrat endorsed El-Sayed after the primary, and the two men have spoken about working together to hold the seat — but they have pronounced differences about Israel.

Schumer, the first Jewish Senate leader, has spoken out against rising antisemitism in both parties. He is a longtime ally of Israel, even as he has castigated Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

El-Sayed has said he is as committed to Jewish safety as he is to the safety of his daughters. But his blistering criticism of Israel during the primary alarmed many Jewish voters in Michigan, who say he has not done enough to denounce antisemitism.

El-Sayed's challenges run deep enough that three Democratic donors in Michigan are hosting a fundraiser for his Republican opponent, former congressman Mike Rogers, on Tuesday eve-

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White House attacks CNN reporter, invoking her children

Jab comes after Oval Office clash between Trump, Kristen Holmes

BY SCOTT NOVER

The White House on Monday leveled a sharply personal attack against CNN reporter Kristen Holmes after she asked President Donald Trump a pointed question during a news conference, crossing a barrier rarely breached by politicians to invoke her children.

"Jon Ossoff said you'd rather travel with your aide Natalie Harp and build the ballroom than do your job as president," Holmes said. "What is your response?"

Trump answered Holmes's question with an insult to Sen. Jon Ossoff (D-Georgia), whom he called a "Pee-wee Herman look-alike," referring to the Paul Reubens character.

Then the White House's "rapid response" account on X took up the altercation, posting a video clip of the exchange and assailing Holmes as a "disgraceful, humiliating embarrassment to her alleged profession."

In a follow-up tweet, the account dipped into a more personal line of attack: "Someday, your children will come across your disgusting and inhumane question," the White House wrote. "They will be sickened and embarrassed to have a parent be so callous and vindictive. It's quite troubling."

The White House did not respond to a request for comment about its social media posts.

Trump's personal attacks on journalists have been a defining feature of his combative approach to the press. Though he has criticized reporters throughout his political career, his critiques of women journalists, particularly those representing CNN, have grown more heated in recent months. And the administration has increasingly used official White House social media accounts to escalate what might once have been spur-of-the-moment exchanges.

ANDREW HARNIK/GETTY IMAGES
President Donald Trump told CNN's Kristen Holmes: "Be quiet, be quiet, be quiet. You're a fake reporter, and you report fake news."

Most recently, at the rescheduled White House Correspondents' Association dinner in July, Trump said that CNN anchor and Chief White House Correspondent Kaitlan Collins should "just smile" — a misogynistic trope — and likened her appearance to that of Dylan Mulvaney, a transgender activist villainized in conservative circles.

He followed up by posting an edited image imposing Collins's likeness on an image of Mulvaney, which was later shared by an official White House account.

Trump's critique of Holmes, a senior White House correspondent, continued during the news conference.

At another point, the president shushed her: "Quiet. Quiet. Quiet. You're very disrespectful in front of this young man, okay? Don't you find her disrespectful? He understands. Quiet. Who are you with?"

"I'm with CNN," Holmes replied.

"Fake news. You're fake news. You're loud. You're a loud, boisterous person. You're fake news," Trump said. "Be quiet, be quiet, be quiet. You're a fake reporter, and you report fake news."

KYLIE COOPER/REUTERS
Following the Oval Office interaction, the White House's "rapid response" account on X posted about the exchange, crossing a barrier rarely breached by politicians to invoke Holmes's children.

CNN, in a statement, defended Holmes, calling her "one of the most respected and accomplished journalists covering the White House" and said it rejects the attacks "in the strongest possible terms."

"This afternoon, she did her job and asked the President of the United States a tough, relevant, and newsworthy question on behalf of the American people," a CNN spokesperson wrote in a statement. "Public officials are free to challenge reporting they disagree with, but personal attacks on journalists for asking questions are beneath the office and inconsistent with the principles of a free press."

Holmes's colleagues on CNN's White House team rushed to her defense. "What a horrible to thing to say. Kristen is an incredible reporter, person and, above all, mother," White House correspondent Alayna Treene wrote on X. "I don't understand such a reaction to a journalist asking the president for his response to something a Democratic senator has leveled against him."

"Kristen is an excellent reporter who asked a good question, to which the president gave a fulsome answer," Betsy Klein, a senior White House reporter, wrote. "You know what's disgusting and inhumane? Bringing her perfect children into this."

ABC sues FCC, claiming First Amendment violations and escalating feud

BY SCOTT NOVER

ABC on Tuesday sued the Federal Communications Commission, alleging that the commission's early review of its broadcast licenses is unconstitutional under the First Amendment.

The TV giant, along with parent company Disney, accused the FCC of waging a "retaliatory campaign" against them because President Donald Trump's administration disapproves of their programming.

The lawsuit, filed in federal district court in Washington, is a sharp escalation of a months-long feud between the FCC, run by Trump appointee Brendan Carr, and ABC. The clash kicked off when Carr criticized comments made by late-night host Jimmy Kimmel in the aftermath of Charlie Kirk's killing. ABC briefly suspended Kimmel amid pressure from the FCC and broadcast station owners.

"When you see stuff like this, I mean we can do this the easy way or the hard way," Carr told conservative podcast host Benny Johnson in September 2025. "These companies can find ways to change conduct and take action, frankly, on Kimmel, or, you know, there's going to be additional work for the FCC ahead."

Those comments drew rebuke from Democrats, press advocates and some in the Republican Party. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) called Carr's threat "dangerous" and likened him to a film mafioso: "That's right out of 'Goodfellas.' That's right out of a mafioso coming into a bar. 'God, nice bar you have here. It'd be a shame if something happened to it.'"

This battle is bigger than Kimmel. The FCC has investigated ABC and Disney, which is also a named plaintiff in the lawsuit, over its diversity practices and whether daytime talk show "The View" is mandated to follow the commission's equal-time rule for interviewing candidates of both parties in an election. In June, ABC launched an on-air campaign urging viewers to send comments to the FCC about this issue.

RANDY HOLMES/DISNEY/GETTY IMAGES
Jimmy Kimmel's ABC late-night show was briefly suspended in September amid pressure from the Federal Communications Commission.

In April, the FCC formally ordered an early review of the eight broadcast licenses owned by Disney — which include ABC stations in major cities like New York and Philadelphia — because of concerns about diversity policies. The order came days after first lady Melania Trump criticized Kimmel for one of his jokes, calling his words "corrosive."

ABC's lawsuit asks a federal judge to strike down the early review of its licenses on the grounds that it violates ABC's rights under the First Amendment. The media company also filed a motion for a temporary restraining order that, if granted, would place an immediate pause on the FCC review.

"All broadcasters have a legal obligation to operate in the public interest — even Disney," the FCC said in a statement. "The FCC has been examining claims that Disney engaged in illegal DEI discrimination for over a year. Disney is obviously very concerned about the FCC's proceeding, as evidenced by their ongoing campaign of disinformation as well as their decision to ask a court to stop the FCC from further pursuing matters. The FCC will continue to follow the facts and law wherever they lead."

Anna M. Gomez, the commission's sole Democrat, criticized Carr in a statement Tuesday, saying he "waged a campaign of censorship and control against Disney's ABC stations" because he opposes the company's speech.

"It is time this administration understands that the Constitution does not bend to political convenience, and that the First Amendment protects the news and commentary Americans see on their screens even when those in power wish it didn't," she said.

The case was assigned to U.S. District Judge Loren AliKhan, who was appointed by President Joe Biden.

Press freedom groups applauded the lawsuit.

Bob Corn-Revere, chief counsel at the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression, said that Carr has weaponized the commission to attack media outlets that Trump dislikes. "The day of reckoning for Brendan Carr is finally here," Corn-Revere said. "In America, government officials cannot abuse their regulatory power to threaten the First Amendment."

Seth Stern, chief of advocacy at the Freedom of the Press Foundation, said that Carr has served as "Trump's censorship czar."

"Carr knows the FCC is not the journalism police and said so regularly himself before he decided to throw away any integrity he once had to kiss up to Trump," Stern said. "Countless others whose First Amendment rights have been chilled by Carr's antics should follow Disney's lead."

ABC has not always been seen as fighting back against the Trump administration. When Trump sued the network over a George Stephanopoulos interview he found defamatory, the network agreed to pay $15 million to settle out of court. Stephanopoulos had incorrectly said during the interview that Trump was found civilly "liable for rape" in the case brought by writer E. Jean Carroll. A Manhattan jury in 2023 found that Trump sexually abused and defamed Carroll but stopped short of saying he committed rape, which she accused him of committing in the 1990s.

Some critics said that ABC too easily bowed to Trump. Similar criticism was aired when ABC suspended Kimmel — and when the comedian returned, he delivered a message about the importance of free speech.

"This show is not important: What is important is that we get to live in a country that allows us to have a show like this."

THE NATION

‘Fed-up’ Americans are crippling license-plate cameras

Flock systems have been painted, cut down and shot as videos spread

MIKE LANG/SARASOTA HERALD-TRIBUNE/USA TODAY NETWORK/REUTERS CONNECT

A vandalized Flock Safety camera and solar panel. More than 130,000 of the automatic license-plate readers now dot the country.

BY ANNIE GOWEN

Adam Heimerman kept seeing the surveillance cameras on his way to work as a river guide in East Tennessee, and the sight rankled him.

More than 130,000 of the automatic license-plate readers now dot the country, according to the crowdsourced tracker DeFlock.org. The artificial intelligence-assisted devices have been embraced by law enforcement as powerful investigative tools but widely denounced by the public over privacy concerns.

For Heimerman, who’s 37 and running as an independent candidate for Congress, the cameras were one more sign that the United States was becoming a police state, he said in an interview. Then in July, the Blount County Sheriff’s Office alleges, Heimerman shot four of the cameras — including one near a church where worshipers sat inside.

Heimerman declined to discuss specifics of his case, but he said he believes there’s widespread frustration over local governments that keep using the cameras despite community pushback. That has fueled a wave of recent vandalism across the country, he said.

“When people act out in a manner that we’re witnessing, things have gotten bad and they no longer feel like they’re being heard,” Heimerman said. “People are tired of being told to sit down and be quiet and write a letter.”

“How-to” videos have spread online that demonstrate how to disable the cameras from collecting footage using wire cutters and heavy gloves. People from an array of backgrounds — college students, computer engineers, a U.S. Air Force engineer — have been accused of vandalizing the devices.

Cameras were recently damaged in communities around Detroit. In Winona, Minnesota, all eight of the city’s readers were cut down and stolen.

Flock Safety, one of the largest players in technological surveillance, is often the target of the ire. The company operates cameras in more than 6,000 communities across the country that record 20 billion plate scans a month. Critics concerned about the information the devices collect and store say the cameras aren’t just tracking license plates, but people’s personal movements as they visit places like gun ranges, doctor’s offices or marijuana purveyors.

That criticism cuts “across partisan lines,” said Eleni Manis, the research director of the Surveillance Technology Oversight Project, a nonprofit that fights government surveillance.

“As Americans we drive where we want and when we want,” Manis said. “Tracking ruins that for all of us. And that’s partly why this has gotten under everyone’s skin.”

Flock, which did not return requests for comment, has defended its product and said that it has been used to solve countless crimes, including helping to uncover the identity of the mass shooter at Brown University last year.

But misuse is rampant, a Washington Post report this month found. Authorities have charged or accused at least 50 law-enforcement officers of using license-plate readers for unauthorized purposes, including to stalk their exes. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers have also accessed Flock’s nationwide database through local partners to conduct immigration searches.

Last week, the company announced it was enacting major changes to prevent abuse by law enforcement, including requiring officers to label searches with criminal case numbers and reducing the amount of days data is stored from 30 to seven.

Community backlash against the cameras has been fierce, with 100 jurisdictions around the country pausing or canceling contracts in recent months, according to data compiled by DeFlock.org.

Despite that, some have turned to vigilantism — spray painting the devices red, ramming their pole mounts with pickup trucks and slapping on stickers to block the camera lenses.

Online videos even suggest the tools one might need to need to rip down cameras or disrupt their feeds with green laser pointers.

A number of prominent influencers have applauded the vandalism, including right-wing pundit Tucker Carlson.

Rick Wilson, the co-founder of the anti-Trump Lincoln Project political action committee, recently described in detail on a podcast the kind of “cheap green laser pointer” that can easily be purchased online to interfere with devices.

COURTESY OF ADAM HEIMERMAN

Adam Heimerman is charged with four counts of felony vandalism and accused of shooting out four automatic license-plate reader cameras in July.

“There are a lot of tools for citizens to express their discomfort of these things that are knowable and available,” Wilson said in an interview. “I’m not suggesting that people break the law. I’m suggesting that you are not helpless against a surveillance state that does not have your best interests in mind.”

Carlson has portrayed the vandals as grassroots heroes fighting back against government overreach.

“It’s not drug-addicted kids,” Carlson said on his podcast recently. “It’s sober, decent patriot Americans who believe the promises of their country. Flock was not part of the country they signed up for. No one asked their permission to steal their images and to spy on their conversations. They don’t think that makes them safer. They understand that it’s to strip them of their most basic humanity.”

Last month, when a 20-year-old from West Virginia was arrested and charged with defacing Flock cameras, a host of Facebook commenters rushed to his defense, offering fake alibis.

“He was saving my neighbors dog from a fire all day couldn’t be him,” one Facebook user wrote.

“That man is innocent,” wrote another. “I saw him serving at a soup kitchen at the time of the incident.”

In that case and others, images of the alleged vandals were captured on the very cameras they sought to deface, a fact law enforcement has been quick to point out.

In a February news release announcing destruction of property charges against a 24-year-old in Michigan, the Waterford Police department noted, “Ironically, Detectives discovered one of the [cameras] had captured an image of the vehicle and license plate driven by the suspect at the time the cameras were damaged.”

“[No] one is entitled to maliciously destroy property of another, including that of the Waterford Police Department,” the statement said.

Heimerman, the congressional candidate and lifelong East Tennessee resident, said he’s running to represent the state’s 2nd District because he is worried that the needs of ordinary citizens are getting lost amid rampant corporate greed. His Republican opponent, Rep. Tim Burchett, earlier this month introduced legislation to ban federal money from being spent on the cameras.

Heimerman, who vaguely recalls voting for Barack Obama, said he has written his own name in for president on the ballot for decades. A GoFundMe organized for his legal defense has raised over $13,000.

Heimerman says he’s grateful for the attention his case has received, hoping it means that people are “waking up” to the need to pay attention to what local government is doing, not just those at the federal level.

“It kind of brings a highlight to how much a boiling point we are at,” he said. “People are fed up.”

Razzan Nakhlawi contributed to this report.

DIGEST

HIGHER EDUCATION

Administration sued over student visa rule

A coalition of labor unions and higher-education groups sued President Donald Trump’s administration Tuesday to stop a new rule that will limit the amount of time foreign students, exchange visitors and journalists can stay in the United States.

In July, the Department of Homeland Security finalized a regulation that will bar international students from staying in the U.S. for longer than four years without an extension, along with other restrictions.

The lawsuit was filed in federal court in Boston on behalf of the Presidents’ Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration, NAFSA: Association of International Educators, the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in Massachusetts, and several unions that represent graduate students and others affected by the rule.

Opponents said the rule could hurt students whose programs take longer than four years.

“These sweeping changes are catastrophic for universities, international students and scholars and the nation as a whole,” the coalition wrote in its lawsuit.

Even before the new rule, many colleges experienced a recent drop in new international students, forcing some schools to cut staff and programs. A report last week predicted international enrollment will decrease by 9.5 percent this fall.

A DHS spokesperson criticized the media for reporting on the suit. “The performative outrage is incredible. Where was the outrage when foreign nationals were abusing the system, violating the terms of their student visas, and making a mockery of our immigration laws?” the statement said.

— *Todd Wallack*

CLIMATE

Lake Powell drops to record low level

The water level at Lake Powell — a key reservoir that supplies water to millions in the West — dropped to a record low level this past weekend, according to federal data, fueling rising fears about the water crisis in the Colorado River Basin.

Powell’s shrinking depths came just days after the basin’s other major reservoir, Lake Mead, also plummeted to a historic low.

The basin is a major source of water for farms, hydropower and more than 40 million people in seven states.

The system has been under pressure for decades, worsened by persistent overuse and drought.

As The Washington Post’s Sarah Kaplan reported last month, water levels in Lake Powell, the second-biggest reservoir on the Colorado River, are in danger of falling so low that its dam can no longer generate hydropower, according to a federal analysis.

The new “most probable” forecast from the Bureau of Reclamation projects that the height of water in Lake Powell, which sits on the border of Utah and Arizona, will fall to 3,491 feet by March, Kaplan wrote. That’s just one foot above “minimum power pool,” the level at which water can no longer flow through the Glen Canyon Dam to produce energy.

The seven states that rely on the river failed to reach a compromise on how to share the dwindling water last month, triggering the Bureau of Reclamation to announce new operating guidelines aimed at trying to protect the reservoirs from falling below these critical levels.

A range of actions includes serious cuts to water use in Arizona, California and Nevada.

— *Annie Gowen*

CAMPAIGNS

Group’s ad buy attacks Sen. Collins of Maine

Planned Parenthood’s political action committee Monday announced new ads attacking Sen. Susan Collins of Maine, the first of a campaign totaling more than $600,000 to oppose the vulnerable Republican incumbent.

The ad buy is the largest investment from Planned Parenthood Votes across any state this cycle, according to Federal Election Commission records. Planned Parenthood Votes will use the campaign to hammer Collins on her vote to confirm Supreme Court Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh, one of the three justices nominated by President Donald Trump who helped form the majority that would later overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

One YouTube ad from the group features a Maine woman, identified only by her first name, Sarah, who said she voted for Collins and regrets it.

“I can’t take my vote back, but I will not make the same mistake twice,” Sarah says in the ad. “I’m done hoping Susan Collins will do the right thing.”

In a statement Monday, Collins spokesperson Blake Kernen tried to undercut Planned Parenthood’s efforts. Kernen tied the group to former Democratic Senate nominee Graham Platner, whom it had endorsed before his scandal-tainted campaign ended, and to Troy Jackson, Collins’s new opponent, who has a history of opposing abortion.

“The Planned Parenthood Action Fund cares more about electing Democrats than any issue,” Kernen said.

The Maine ad buy is part of Planned Parenthood Votes’ $47 million campaign this year, the second-highest amount Planned Parenthood Votes has ever spent on elections.

— *Praveena Somasundaram*

Pennsylvania will limit data center development, expand review process

Governor announces new regulations, reversing some past policies

BY TIM CRAIG

NO DATA CENTERS
NO DATA CENTERS
NO DATA CENTERS

HEATHER AINSWORTH/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro (D) signed an executive order that blocks any new data center project in the state unless it meets new guidelines that seek to limit electricity and water usage. The order also requires data center developers to receive approval from local authorities before the state will consider authorizing projects.

Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro (D) announced new stringent regulations on data centers on Tuesday, reversing some of his past policies while embracing more rigorous reviews of the projects that have angered residents throughout the state.

Shapiro, a Democrat who is up for reelection this year, signed an executive order that blocks any new data center project in Pennsylvania unless it meets new guidelines that seek to limit electricity and water usage.

The order also requires data center developers to receive approval from local authorities before the state will consider authorizing projects.

Shapiro's order stops short of a blanket moratorium on data center development. But administration officials said the new policies are constructed in such a way that it will be exceptionally difficult for most developers to meet the new requirements.

The policy comes as leaders across the nation enact new restrictions or moratoriums on data centers, stymieing technology leaders who are trying to power demand for artificial intelligence.

Shapiro, a possible 2028 presidential candidate, is signaling he's still open to investment from the multibillion dollar data center industry. But he also accused data center developers of bullying and he acknowledged hardening public opposition to the facilities.

"We've had enough here in Pennsylvania — and I'm not going to let it happen on my watch," Shapiro said before signing the executive order. "If these companies want to do business here, they need to comply with the strictest guardrails in the nation on data center development, starting today."

Until recently, Shapiro has appeared supportive of data center development in Pennsylvania, including heralding projects that were part of a "fast track" program to speed up private sector investment in the state. The executive order removes all data center projects from that program.

The new order said without proper controls, data center construction "could harm Pennsylvanians' right to clean air and pure water because of their emissions, water use, and energy demand."

In recent months, Pennsylvania has been at the center of an increasingly divisive nationwide debate over where data centers are built and how they utilize local resources. Developers are drawn to the state because of its interstate power lines and abundant water supplies, and its interstate highways offer easy access to East Coast cities.

In April, The Post reported on residents in Archbald in northeastern Pennsylvania fighting back after developers proposed six sprawling data campuses in the town of 7,000 residents. Those campuses would include 51 data warehouses, each the size of a Walmart Supercenter, that would use about 14 percent of the town's land.

One of those proposed campuses had initially been included in Shapiro's fast-track program, angering local residents.

Shapiro visited Archbald in May, and the frustrations of local residents helped convince him that even stricter regulations were needed, according to members of his staff.

Janessa Bednash, who lives near Archbald and has opposed the projects, said she had hoped for a statewide moratorium on data centers. She fears developers will still be able to obtain permits under Shapiro's executive order and — because of the often-secretive agreements — that it would take months for the public to see the long-term effects.

"It will really take a moratorium for us to get a good look at what we are dealing with here and the cumulative impact," said Bednash, 36. "We are inundated in Archbald, and our neighboring towns are being inundated, so at this point that is the only thing I can see that can bring safety for us."

Though polls show Shapiro is heavily favored to win reelection, his challenger, state Treasurer Stacy Garrity (R), is calling for a pause on all new data center development. Garrity has also accused Shapiro of taking campaign donations from data center interests.

After Shapiro's announcement, Garrity said in a statement that the governor is "trying to gaslight the people of Pennsylvania."

"Josh Shapiro lit the fuse on the chaos we are seeing in community-after-community across the Commonwealth because he was more concerned with his political ambitions than fighting for Pennsylvania communities," Garrity said.

Shapiro said he asked state legislators for months to enact more stringent regulations but those efforts have been blocked by the Republican-controlled Senate. That left him with "no other option but to take executive action," he said.

According to state officials, there are about 100 proposed data center projects in Pennsylvania. But officials say they believe the vast majority of them are "speculative" and will not be built. State permitting offices have applications for about 20 projects, including five that have already received permits.

Under the revised guidelines, data centers seeking state approval must sign a 40-page document agreeing to environmental, land and energy guidelines. They include requiring developers to "bring their own power" and "pay for all costs associated with that electricity," Shapiro said Tuesday. The energy guidelines also require 10 percent of that energy to come from clean sources.

The order also bans developers from entering into nondisclosure agreements that limit public visibility into a project's scope as well as what companies will benefit.

One of the biggest policy changes is Shapiro's requirement that projects only be granted state permits once they've been approved by local officials. The change is likely to strengthen the responsibilities of municipal officials who are often heavily influenced by public opinion.

"Land-use decisions are best made at the local level by the officials who know their communities, understand local conditions, such as geography and public safety capabilities, and are accountable to the residents they serve," said Dave Sanko, executive director at the PA State Association of Township Supervisors.

A growing numbers of political leaders from both parties have tried to slow down data center development.

Last month, New York Gov. Kathy Hochul (D) signed legislation implementing a one-year moratorium on new data centers in her state. And Texas Gov. Greg Abbott (R) earlier this month backtracked from his past support for the centers by issuing a sweeping freeze on new projects until the state could audit energy usage.

Trump seeks to allow roads, logging inside millions of acres of national forests

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A road winds through the Shoshone National Forest last year in Lander, Wyoming. Advocacy groups have criticized the move by the Trump administration as opening up vast areas of largely untouched forests to degradation.

of forested acres off-limits to the very treatments that improve forest health and reduce wildfire risk to our communities," she added.

The existing rule also prohibits commercial logging in areas that the Forest Service has officially designated as "inventoried roadless areas," or areas of national forest deemed to be generally undeveloped.

Advocacy groups criticized the move as opening up vast areas of largely untouched forests to degradation. They argue the changes could lead to more fires as humans, who are the cause of 9 out of 10 fires, gain easier access to remote areas of national forest through new roadways.

"Opening our backcountry forests to more roads and development, and therefore more ignitions, is also not a wildfire solution, and never will be," Josh Hicks, conservation campaigns director at the Wilderness Society, said in a statement.

Wildfires have become an increasingly large part of the Forest Service's job as climate change ramps up the intensity of the blazes. In mid-July, federal fire officials declared the highest level of fire preparedness, the earliest they have raised the alert level that high in 10 years. Earlier this month, major fires in Washington state forced evacuations in Spokane.

The proposal will be opened for public comment for 30 days, after which USDA can make revisions and finalize the policy. The repeal of the rule is sure to face legal challenges if it is finalized, as several groups vowed to sue after Rollins said last year she intended to rescind the policy.

The protections currently apply to more than 44 million acres of inventoried roadless area out of the 193 million acres in the national forest system, according to USDA, which houses the Forest Service. Rescinding the rule would also open up these areas to logging.

More than 95 percent of those areas are in the Western states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington state and Wyoming, the department said.

The proposed repeal would not affect Colorado and Idaho, which have state-level roadless restrictions.

Repealing the roadless rule goes further than policies from President Donald Trump's first term to allow development in national forests.

In 2020, the Trump administration exempted Tongass National Forest in Alaska from roadless protections, which Alaska Republicans argued would help the state economy, opening up 9.3 million acres to logging.

USDA said in its statement that the repeal would allow individual forest managers to make decisions tailored to the land they are overseeing, without mandating road building or timber production.

Last year, Trump issued an executive order mandating that the Agriculture and Interior departments increase timber production to reduce wildfire risk and boost exports.

Montana, Utah and Wyoming's governors praised the repeal in a joint statement with USDA.

"For 25 years, the heavy thumb of Washington D.C. has hindered Montana's ability to properly manage wildfire risk and road development on nearly 60 percent of Forest Service land across the Treasure State," Montana Gov. Greg Gianforte said. "Today's long overdue decision will empower states like Montana to pursue proper forest management on federal lands with local communities in mind."

Environmental advocates worry this flexibility will essentially remove a barrier to mining and logging that will destroy critical wildlife habitat.

"The Roadless Area Conservation Rule is the only thing preventing much of our wildest remaining national forests from industrial development," said Alex Craven, forest campaign manager at the Sierra Club.

"These forests offer critical habitat for wildlife; provide clean, fresh air and water for millions; and contain vast swaths of the last remaining old-growth forests in the country," Craven said.

AIPAC's new target to exert influence over Democrats

Super PAC funnels cash to moderate in Calif. runoff for Swalwell's former seat

BY PRAVEENA SOMASUNDARAM

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California state Sen. Aisha Wahab, shown in 2023, is a progressive endorsed by the state's Democratic Party.

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the powerful pro-Israel lobby, has spent tens of millions of dollars on key congressional campaigns, but its latest mark is a California Democrat in a once-sleepy race.

AIPAC's super PAC, United Democracy Project, poured nearly $2.5 million into a Tuesday runoff between two Democrats competing for the House seat vacated by former representative Eric Swalwell (D). The groups have run ads against state Sen. Aisha Wahab, a progressive endorsed by the California Democratic Party, and boosted her moderate opponent, Melissa Hernandez, a San Francisco Bay Area transportation official. The winner will serve the rest of Swalwell's term after he resigned amid a sexual assault allegation.

Wahab is considered the favorite in the election to replace Swalwell, who had a generally pro-Israel voting record. Wahab and Hernandez will face off again in November for a full two-year term.

The outside spending in the runoff plunged it into the battle between the Democratic Party's moderate and progressive flanks, which are often divided on support for Israel. As the war in Gaza approaches its three-year mark, killing tens of thousands of Palestinians and leaving more displaced, public support for Israel has plummeted, especially among Democrats. In Washington, a striking number of House Democrats recently voted to cut off military aid to Israel.

The AIPAC group has spent tens of millions of dollars this year on Democratic primaries with mixed results. Support from AIPAC has been used as a cudgel against Democratic candidates, as it has become increasingly synonymous with the party's broader struggle over where it stands on supporting Israel in foreign policy.

Abdul El-Sayed, a fierce critic of military aid to Israel, narrowly won the Democratic primary for an open Senate seat in Michigan in early August, despite AIPAC spending more than $30 million to oppose him. El-Sayed turned AIPAC's intervention in the race into a regular attack on his opponent Rep. Haley Stevens, a staunch Israel supporter. But the group has had more success influencing House races, which are usually lower profile.

In the California contest, Wahab has said she considers the war in Gaza a genocide and opposes military aid to Israel. Hernandez has said she believes Israel had a right to defend itself after the Oct. 7, 2023 attack by Hamas that left about 1,200 dead, but that the destruction in Gaza has "gone too far."

Neither candidate has focused on Israel during the campaign, but the groups with ties to AIPAC spent about 75 percent of the more than $6 million in spending by groups outside the campaigns in July and August.

ANNIE BARKER/AP

Melissa Hernandez, a San Francisco Bay Area transportation official, is a Democratic candidate in California's 14th District.

Wahab, the first Muslim elected to California's state Senate, has decried AIPAC money spent on attack ads against her.

"As to AIPAC, right now, a national division around Party leadership and their donors has gotten tripped up into this hyper local contest featuring candidates of vastly different offerings," Wahab said in a statement. "Voters will decide, not DC, who they want."

In a statement Monday responding to questions about AIPAC spending, Hernandez said none of her donors "sets my agenda."

"The coalition that is actually on the ground with me is local," she said.

AIPAC's aid has largely hinged on a candidate's stance on Israel, but the political advertising the group funds rarely mentions Israel. In California's 14th Congressional District, the ads from groups associated with AIPAC have attacked Wahab's state Senate record, including on legislation related to child sex predators. Wahab's campaign has said the attack ads are misleading.

In the 14th district special primary on June 18, Wahab's vote share was 26 percentage points higher than Hernandez, but neither candidate received a majority so they advanced to a runoff.

Wahab also had a similar lead in the June 2 regular primary for a full term. Their Democrat-Democrat matchups were enabled by California's unique primary system, where the top two vote-getters advance regardless of party.

Other groups who aim to counter AIPAC's influence in politics have spent six figures to support Wahab, including the liberal pro-Israel, pro-peace group J Street and the pro-Palestinian super PAC, American Priorities.

Another PAC, Bold America, which received some funding from AIPAC, spent $2.6 million to boost Hernandez.

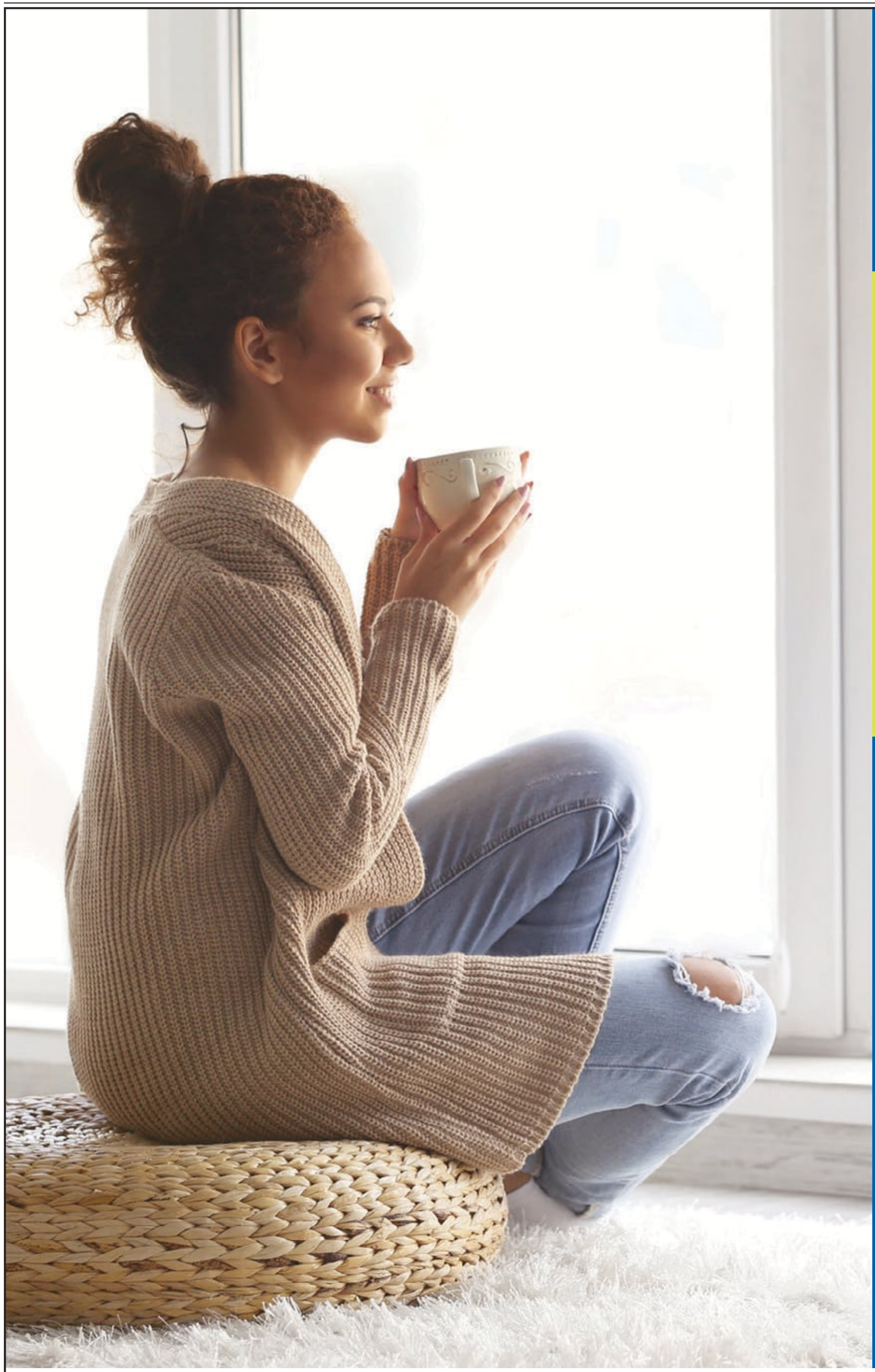
AIPAC's super PAC, the United Democracy Project, and Bold America did not respond to requests for comment.

AIPAC has been among the biggest spenders in other House primaries, notching wins in races including the contest to succeed retiring Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-Maryland) and the challenge to Rep. Thomas Massie (R-Kentucky), a fierce critic of Israel. But its preferred candidates also lost in a pair of Illinois primaries and a special election in New Jersey.

AIPAC's defenders have said the organization has faced unfair and outsize criticism compared to the other special interest groups that have spent on American elections.

Robert Dempsey, national political director for Our Revolution, the Bernie Sanders-founded advocacy group that has endorsed Wahab, called the cash influx a "real desperate attempt" to boost Hernandez.

"Really what this means is just more establishment trying to put their thumb on the scale and just get another moderate elected just to maintain the status quo," he said.



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Repairs continue on the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool on Tuesday, with workers aiming to correct the cracking and flaking liner.

Workers start on latest repairs to Reflecting Pool liner

The power washers and leaf blowers are back in use in the famed basin

BY MAURA JUDKIS AND MEG KELLY

Work to correct the cracking and flaking liner at the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool is underway, weeks after the government dropped charges against people accused of vandalizing the pool, citing instead the "botched" renovation efforts.

It's the latest in a months-long saga that began when President Donald Trump vowed to clean up the attraction, saying it was "Disgusting" and "garbage ridden" under his predecessors. The renovations, Trump had boasted, "could last for 100 years." They lasted barely a few weeks.

Workers could be seen power washing the pool's basin and using caulk applicators on the perimeter expansion joint. Some workers ripped up large sheets of damaged liner, and used leaf blowers and brooms to sweep up smaller pieces of liner debris.

Asked about the work, the Interior Department referred The Washington Post to new signage posted at the east end of the pool. Those signs said that the National Park Service and contractors are "repairing areas damaged by vandals and completing a historic effort to clean, fix, and beautify the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Memorial Pool." (The second "memorial" is an apparent typographic error: The feature is called the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool.)

JULIA DEMAREE NIKHINSON/AP

In April, Trump announced that he would fix the Reflecting Pool. But the project has encountered many delays. It has remained fenced-off since it was drained again following the Fourth of July.

> *A sign along the Reflecting Pool says it will "remain drained while this work proceeds so that it can truly reflect the beauty, dignity, and grandeur of our nation's capital."*

The sign continues: "Since 1922, prior administrations have neglected this iconic landmark, evidenced most recently by more than half of the pool's pipes being clogged and the sidewalks and granite coping stones being filthy dirty. The Reflecting Pool will remain drained while this work proceeds so that it can truly reflect the beauty, dignity, and grandeur of our nation's capital."

Some areas of the perimeter expansion joint that runs along the inner edge of the pool appeared to have been removed. The perimeter joint is the area the administration alleged vandals had cut with a blade earlier this summer, though officials did not specify where those cuts were made, and changed their description of those cuts and their lengths multiple times in public remarks.

A trailer displaying a logo for Atlantic Industrial Coatings, the contractor that worked on the pool earlier this year, was parked inside the pool. Experts cited in a Post analysis published last month said the pattern of how the blue liner was peeling probably indicated problems in how the material was installed. Representatives from Atlantic Industrial Coatings did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

On July 31, federal prosecutors moved to drop a criminal charge filed against former Olympian David Hearn, who had been accused of vandalizing the Reflecting Pool, suggesting that the damage was instead due to a "botched installation." The Justice Department also dropped misdemeanor charges against three other people.

Trump, in an Aug. 9 Truth Social posting, acknowledged that there was "some contractor error" but continued to blame vandals, though he wrote there was "there is no video or proof." Trump repeatedly lashed out at U.S. Attorney Jeanine Pirro after she dropped the vandalism cases.

In April, Trump announced that he would fix the reflecting pool and tint it "American Flag Blue" as part of his broader D.C. beautification projects. But the $14 million project encountered delays, and soon after water flowed back into the pool in early June, it experienced its biggest algae bloom in at least five years, a Post analysis found.

After the algae was remedied, pieces of liner started to flake off from the bottom, and the pool was drained again following the Fourth of July. It has remained fenced-off ever since.

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The Reflecting Pool on Monday.

One of alleged leaders of Penn State frat cocaine ring arraigned, denied bail

BY TODD WALLACK

One of the alleged leaders of a drug trafficking ring involving two fraternities at Penn State University was arraigned Tuesday and denied bail.

Agostino Abbatiello, 24, was arraigned on a number of felony charges, including possession with intent to deliver cocaine and conspiracy. Authorities also charged 13 others, including former students and at least four current Penn State students.

Pennsylvania Attorney General Dave Sunday's office alleged that Abbatiello and Thomas Robinson, 23, were the main suppliers for the operation, making regular trips to Philadelphia and New York for "large quantities of cocaine" in 2023 and 2024.

"The cocaine was then cut and packaged — primarily at the Delta Upsilon and Sigma Chi fraternity houses — and distributed mainly to Penn State University students," according to the attorney general's office.

Abbatiello's attorney did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Robinson's father, Paul Robinson of Pittsburgh, was charged with trying to conceal evidence, including a safe containing drugs and cash. Most of the payments were made in cash or via payment apps.

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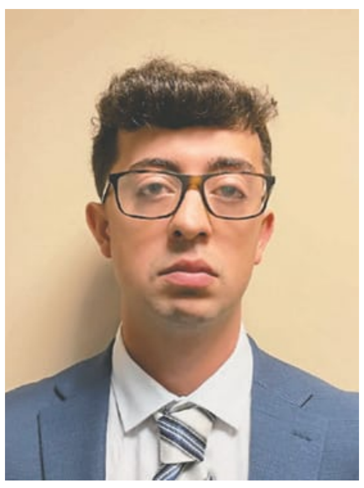
The Penn State campus in State College, Pennsylvania.

"This was a coordinated and highly-profitable drug-trafficking crew revolving around two senior members of the fraternities, other fraternity brothers, and pledges," Sunday said in a statement Monday. "In fact, according to the evidence uncovered, cutting and packaging cocaine was, for some pledges, an indoctrination into the fraternities."

Court records show that both Robinsons posted bail. They could not immediately be reached for comment.

The executive director of Sigma Chi International Fraternity, Michael Church, said it has suspended the Penn State chapter and all three members who were charged.



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Agostino Abbatiello, 24, was arraigned on a number of felony charges.

"This conduct is an egregious violation of our values and has no place in our fraternity, community, or society," Church said in a statement, adding that the organization is cooperating with authorities. "Any members involved will be held fully accountable to the extent available to our fraternity."

Delta Upsilon International Fraternity Executive Director Justin Kirk said that the suspects associated with the organization have been expelled or suspended, or have resigned.

"We will continue to work closely with the university on any investigative efforts," Kirk said in a statement.

Penn State did not respond to requests for comment.

The case echoes other prominent drug investigations involving college fraternities.

In 2020, federal prosecutors charged 21 people in a drug investigation involving current and former students at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Duke University and Appalachian State University. They also named three UNC frats (Phi Gamma Delta, Kappa Sigma and Beta Theta Pi) in court filings. The network allegedly sold marijuana, cocaine, Xanax and other drugs.

And in 1991, federal and local drug agents burst into three frat houses at the University of Virginia: Delta Upsilon, Tau Kappa Epsilon and Phi Epsilon. At least a dozen students were ultimately charged with crimes, including selling LSD, cocaine, marijuana and hallucinogenic mushrooms. Authorities reported finding a marijuana-growing system in a fraternity house closet.

Backlash in Michigan complicates Democrats' road to retaking the Senate

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ning, according to an invitation obtained by The Washington Post. One of them, Brian Hermelin, wrote in an email to potential donors last week that El-Sayed's rhetoric on Israel and toward Jews meant he could not support him.

"A party has to understand that there are consequences when it moves away from the values that brought us to it," Hermelin wrote. "For me, this Senate race is that point."

In an interview, Schumer acknowledged he disagreed with El-Sayed on Israel and other issues but said they would work together to win in Michigan. He did not answer directly when asked whether he viewed anything El-Sayed has said or done as antisemitic.

"I think he makes an effort to fight antisemitism even though his views on Israel are much different than mine," Schumer said.

Some Jewish voters in Michigan are not convinced.

"How can a leader like Schumer not even talk about concerns that he has?" Asher Lopatin, a rabbi in suburban Detroit who said he typically votes Democratic, said in an interview. "It's been very disappointing, to say the very least. I think it's been infuriating for Jews here."

Other Jewish voters in Michigan support El-Sayed or remain open to voting for him. But losing even some of the state's Jewish voters could endanger Democrats' hold on the seat in a close race. Jewish voters represent about 1.4 percent of the electorate in Michigan, according to Brandeis University's American Jewish Population Project. Sen. Elissa Slotkin (D-Michigan) won her race in 2024 by less than 0.4 percentage points.

The race has put Schumer in a tough position. On one hand, he has called out those on the left who are "too complacent or forgiving about those who exhibit antisemitism within their ranks." On the other, he often describes Democrats as having a big-tent party, capacious enough to include Sen. John Fetterman (D-Pennsylvania) — an ardent defender of Israel — as well as the country's critics.

El-Sayed's public criticism of Schumer — whom he suggested during the primary that he did not want to see remain as the Democratic leader in the Senate — has not made it easier. "If you're Chuck Schumer, I'm pretty damn dangerous," El-Sayed said last month.

El-Sayed's campaign declined an interview request.

"Though Senator Schumer and I may have deep disagreement on a number of important issues, we both understand how critical it is to win Michigan and defeat Mike Rogers," El-Sayed said in a statement to The Post. "I appreciate his pragmatism."

RYAN GARZA/USA TODAY NETWORK/REUTERS CONNECT

If Abdul El-Sayed loses in Michigan, which Donald Trump carried by less than two points in 2024, Democrats would need to flip a fifth Republican seat in deep-red territory.

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Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, who backed an opponent to Abdul El-Sayed in Michigan's Democratic primary, acknowledged he disagreed with El-Sayed on Israel and other issues but said they would work together to win in Michigan.

"We're going to have a good Democratic year. ... There's going to be a tailwind. And I'm confident Abdul will be able to catch the wind and run a strong campaign."

Sen. Gary Peters (D-Michigan), who is not running for reelection

A crucial Senate race

Michigan is not the only primary that has not gone Schumer's way. Maine Gov. Janet Mills, whom Schumer recruited to challenge Sen. Susan Collins (R), suspended her campaign before the primary, ceding the nomination to Graham Platner, an oysterman and Marine Corps veteran who criticized Schumer.

Platner's campaign imploded last month after he was accused of sexual assault; he has denied the allegations. Democrats replaced Platner on the ballot with Troy Jackson, a former state Senate president. Like Platner, Jackson has criticized Schumer, telling the New York Times that he would not support him as the Senate Democratic leader.

But Schumer has embraced Jackson, describing him as "a much stronger candidate" than Platner.

"There are so many negative issues against Collins, she's always going to try to change the subject, and with Platner she had ample opportunities to change the subject," Schumer said in the interview. "She's going to have a rough time attacking Jackson."

Two polls conducted since Platner dropped out have found Jackson with narrow leads over Collins.

Blake Kernen, a Collins campaign spokeswoman, said in a statement that Collins "is not all-consumed with 'attacking' her opponent" and is focused on contrasting her record in office to Jackson's.

Schumer's other recruits have fared better.

Former governor Roy Cooper is leading in polls in the race for an open Republican-held seat in North Carolina. Two other Schumer recruits — former senator Sherrod Brown in Ohio and former congresswoman Mary Peltola in Alaska — have helped make those Republican-leaning states into battlegrounds. And Democrats are running competitively in two other red states, Iowa and Texas.

"Leader Schumer has put Democrats in a very strong position to take back the Senate," Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-Rhode Island) said in a statement. "This map was unthinkable a year ago."

But Michigan — where Democratic Sen. Gary Peters is not running for reelection — has emerged as a potential problem for Democrats. The state has not elected a Republican senator in more than three decades — but a Fox News poll of registered voters conducted after the primary found Rogers leading El-Sayed 51 percent to 47 percent. Ten percent of Democrats said they were "extremely concerned" that El-Sayed, a progressive endorsed by Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vermont), holds positions that are too extreme, and 8 percent said they planned to vote for Rogers.

El-Sayed's victory over Stevens has given Republicans renewed confidence that they will hold the Senate majority, even as Trump's approval rating languishes and gas prices remain high.

"If Republicans flip Michigan, it is nearly statistically impossible for Schumer to recapture the majority," Alex Latcham, who runs Senate Leadership Fund, the flagship Republican super PAC in Senate races, said in an interview.

Schumer said he was confident El-Sayed would win, citing the enthusiasm of his supporters. Still, Schumer and J.B. Poersch, the president of Senate Majority PAC, the lead Democratic super PAC in Senate races, both disputed that Democrats had no shot at retaking the majority without Michigan.

"A path to winning back the Senate clearly goes through Michigan, but we have a whole bunch of different paths," Schumer said.

A backlash in Michigan

Few Democrats have spoken out more forcefully against antisemitism than Schumer, who published a book last year, "Antisemitism in America: A Warning." Witnessing growing antisemitism on the left in the wake of the Oct. 7, 2023, attack on Israel and the war in Gaza, Schumer wrote, has been "extremely painful."

The politics of Israel have shifted rapidly among Democrats since 2023, and El-Sayed's calls for ending unconditional military aid to Israel and other countries are popular. Fifty-five percent of Michigan voters support cutting off military aid to Israel, and 44 percent oppose it, according to the Fox News poll.

In interviews, though, Jewish voters in Michigan said their concerns were rooted in how El-Sayed talked about Judaism and Israel. El-Sayed has not directly said whether he believes Israel has the right to exist, though he said on CNN after the primary that he believes "in equal rights to peace, dignity and self-determination for Jewish Israelis and Palestinians alike."

Jewish Democrats also criticized El-Sayed for campaigning with Hasan Piker, a streamer who has said that Hamas, the Palestinian militant group responsible for the Oct. 7 attack, is "a thousand times better" than Israel. And they questioned his response to the March assault on Temple Israel in the Detroit suburbs.

El-Sayed condemned the attack on Temple Israel at the time, saying "antisemitism has no place in our communities." But he also pointed out that members of the attacker's family had been killed in a recent Israeli airstrike in Lebanon. "Hurt people hurt people," El-Sayed said in March — which some Jewish voters saw as justifying the assault on the synagogue.

Hannan Lis, one of the Democratic donors who is hosting the fundraiser for Rogers, said those comments made it impossible for him to support El-Sayed.

"I don't think the Democratic Party should seek to gain a majority in the Senate with people like Abdul," Lis said.

Some Jewish voters in Michigan are supporting El-Sayed, including Andy Levin, a former Democratic congressman who has been working to help shore up El-Sayed's support with the Jewish community.

"Like me, he hates the Netanyahu government, thinks it's a disaster, thinks it's committed genocide, thinks it's just doing such bad things in Lebanon and so forth," Levin said of El-Sayed. "But I think he can communicate that he thinks both the Jewish people and the Palestinian people deserve self-determination."

El-Sayed has spoken with at least some Jewish voters since the primary. He sat down with a small group last week in Detroit, according to Jessica "Decky" Alexander, the chair of the Michigan Democratic Jewish Caucus, who said she left the meeting "in between hopeless and hopeful."

Peters, who endorsed Stevens but is now backing El-Sayed, said he heard from a lot of Jewish Democrats after the primary — but he predicted El-Sayed would prevail in a state where Trump is unpopular.

"We're going to have a good Democratic year," Peters said. "There's going to be a tailwind. And I'm confident Abdul will be able to catch the wind and run a strong campaign."

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El-Sayed supporters at a unity rally in Michigan, a crucial state for Democrats.

Judge delays Mangione's state murder trial after lawyers sought dismissal

Prosecutors are given until Oct. 9 to answer the defense motion

By Tim Craig

NEW YORK — A judge Monday delayed Luigi Mangione's state murder trial while he considers arguments that Mangione cannot be tried in state court now that he has pleaded guilty in federal court to stalking charges in connection to the death of UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson.

Mangione, who admitted Friday in federal court to shooting Thompson on a Manhattan street in December 2024, was scheduled to face trial for the state charges next month. Moments after that guilty plea, Mangione's defense attorneys filed a motion in state court asking that the charges be dismissed because of concerns about due process and "double jeopardy."

Under New York's double-jeopardy statute, state prosecutors are mostly restricted from pursuing cases if a defendant has already been convicted of a similar offense. But Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg has said that state prosecutors would continue to pursue their case.

On Monday, Judge Gregory Carro issued an order giving prosecutors until Oct. 9 to respond to Mangione's lawyers' motion that the state charges be dismissed. Carro scheduled a hearing on the matter on Dec. 10.

Mangione pleaded guilty Friday to stalking Thompson at a UnitedHealthcare investor conference. He also said during the hearing that he shot Thompson with a 3D-printed gun equipped with a silencer.

Mangione told the federal judge he had debilitating back pain and had grown weary of "navigating obstacles of the health care system."

Mangione is scheduled to be sentenced for the federal crimes on Dec. 18. Federal prosecutors are seeking life in prison for the 28-year-old from suburban Baltimore.

In the motion to dismiss the state charges, Mangione's attorney, Karen Friedman Agnifilo, said Mangione had become a "pawn in parallel prosecutions … in an effort to overcharge him."

Bragg said his office has worked "tirelessly" to prepare for the state trial and was "prepared to litigate the defense motions."

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Luigi Mangione appears for a pre-trial hearing at Manhattan Criminal Court in New York on Aug. 11.

Minnesota sues Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, demanding ICE agent's extradition

Prosecutors say he fired through door of a home he knew was occupied

By Silvia Foster-Frau

Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison filed a lawsuit Tuesday against Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, alleging the governor is refusing to extradite a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent charged with shooting an immigrant during Operation Metro Surge.

Christian Castro, 52, is facing four counts of assault and one count of falsely reporting a crime related to a Jan. 14 incident in which prosecutors allege he fired through the front door of a Minneapolis home he knew was occupied.

Hennepin County Attorney Mary Moriarty and Ellison have sent letters to Abbott urging him to sign off on the officer's extradition after Castro was charged in May. Last week, Ellison warned Abbott he would sue if he did not authorize Castro's extradition by the end of the day Monday.

"This is not some accidental thing," Ellison said in a Tuesday news conference announcing the lawsuit. "This is a choice."

A spokesperson for the Texas governor's office said he would not comment on "pending extradition matters."

Ellison's lawsuit also requests a temporary restraining order to bar the Cameron County Sheriff's Office, where Castro is in jail, from releasing him. According to the lawsuit, which was filed in the Southern District Court of Texas, Castro could be released under Texas law as soon as Aug. 26 if he is not extradited.

The shooting was one of three January incidents during the Department of Homeland Security's surge in Minneapolis in which federal officers fired at people. The other two resulted in the deaths of Renée Good and Alex Pretti, both U.S. citizens, sparking widespread outrage and public protests over the agency's aggressive tactics.

In the shooting that led to Minnesota's extradition request, authorities initially said in court filings that Julio Cesar Sosa-Celis and another man rushed from their home to assault an ICE officer with a broom and a snow shovel while he was attempting to detain a third person — Alfredo Alejandro Aljorna — after a traffic stop.

According to that initial arrest affidavit, the officer, who was not named in the filings, fired his gun and hit Sosa-Celis in the leg during the struggle. Sosa-Celis and Aljorna, the affidavit stated, then ran into a nearby home, where they were later detained.

Soon after the shooting, then-Homeland Security Secretary Kristi L. Noem described the incident as "an attempted murder of federal law enforcement."

But Sosa-Celis's family disputed key elements of DHS's version of events. Two immigration officers were later suspended, and a criminal investigation began into whether they lied under oath about the shooting of the Venezuelan man.

Castro is one of two federal immigration officers Minnesota prosecutors have charged with state crimes in the aftermath of the Minneapolis crackdown. The other ICE agent, Gregory Donnell Morgan Jr., was charged with two counts of second-degree assault after he allegedly pointed a gun at a vehicle on Feb. 5 while driving on a local highway.

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Hennepin County Attorney Mary Moriarty, left, and Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison.

DOJ plans to send about 1,000 monitors to polls

Democrats have raised concerns about what they could do this fall

By Patrick Marley

The Justice Department plans to dispatch about 1,000 monitors to the polls this fall — probably the largest number under a Republican president, according to a top assistant attorney general.

The Justice Department routinely sends monitors to polling places to ensure election laws are followed and voters' rights are protected.

In the past — including during primaries this month — they have limited their involvement to observation, but Democrats have raised concerns about what they could do this fall because President Donald Trump this year said Republicans should "nationalize the voting" and "take over the voting."

Harmeet K. Dhillon, the assistant attorney general who leads the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, told Bloomberg News that the deployment of about 1,000 poll monitors is "probably going to be a historic number for a Republican administration." She did not say where they would go in an interview that was published Monday.

The Justice Department did not immediately respond to a request for comment, and it was not clear how this year's plans differed from previous ones.

In announcing the use of monitors for recent elections, the Justice Department has focused on the number of jurisdictions rather than the number of personnel. During Joe Biden's presidency, the Justice Department sent monitors to 86 jurisdictions for the 2024 presidential election and 64 jurisdictions for the 2022 midterm elections. During Trump's first term, the department sent monitors to 44 jurisdictions for the 2020 presidential election.

For Michigan's primary this month, the Justice Department sent monitors to four Democratic-leaning cities. Democrats openly worried that the monitors would interfere with the primary, but state officials said they behaved professionally and did not cause problems.

The Justice Department also sent monitors to Democratic areas for this summer's primaries in Arizona and Minnesota.

Dhillon said the Justice Department is still figuring out where it will send monitors, but she said they could include "the places where there may be language issues, the places where there may have been access of disability rights issues, places where there may be voter fraud issues."

Ex-Fauci aide admits hiding emails to foil inquiry

David M. Morens said he was trying to protect his boss

By Jeremy Roebuck

A former top adviser to Anthony S. Fauci admitted in court Tuesday he hid government communications to skirt public records laws and thwart inquiries into the origins of the coronavirus pandemic.

David M. Morens — who worked under Fauci from 2006 to 2022 — pleaded guilty to one count of conspiring to defraud the United States and could face up to five years in prison at a sentencing hearing set for November.

He told a federal judge in Maryland that he deliberately diverted emails he deemed politically controversial to a personal account to avoid the possibility they might one day be publicly released and misconstrued.

Morens, 78, previously explained his actions as a misguided attempt to protect Fauci from threats and to stop misinformation about the virus from spreading. Fauci led the government's response to the pandemic as director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Prosecutors did not accuse Fauci of wrongdoing in Morens's case.

"By pleading guilty today, Dr. Morens has taken responsibility for what he did and will continue to do so," said Tim Belevetz, Morens's attorney.

The Justice Department announced its case against Morens earlier this year amid escalating pressure from President Donald Trump and his allies, who continue to accuse Fauci and his top aides of misleading the public on the origins of the virus and its severity.

Many scientists, though far from all, believe the coronavirus jumped naturally from bats to humans via an intermediate animal of some kind. Trump and his supporters, however, have promoted an alternate theory that the virus escaped from a Chinese government lab, which could arguably lay blame on a rival country.

Fauci has repeatedly dismissed accusations that he sought to hide information on the virus as "simply preposterous." Still, President Joe Biden, in his final days in office, preemptively pardoned Fauci out of concern that the Justice Department under Trump could seek to indict him.

Earlier this month, Sen. Rand Paul (R-Kentucky), who chairs the Senate's Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, urged the department officials to do just that, referring Fauci for prosecution on charges of contempt of Congress after he refused to answer lawmakers' questions at a recent congressional hearing.

The Justice Department has said it is reviewing Paul's request. Its case against Morens also emerged from a referral sent by Paul, who has emerged as a chief antagonist of Fauci.

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> **Tim Belevetz,** Morens's attorney

Before his guilty plea Tuesday, Morens had previously acknowledged he improperly sought to keep some communications off of his government email account so they would not be accessible under public records laws.

Much of the indictment against him centered on his communications with the president of a New York-based nonprofit who received a grant from the National Institutes of Health in 2014 to study the emergence of bat coronaviruses.

Although plea documents filed in Morens's case do not mention the executive or his organization by name, records previously released as part of a congressional investigation indicate he is Peter Daszak, former president of EcoHealth Alliance. The nonprofit worked closely with the Wuhan Institute of Virology, a Chinese lab that has faced questions over whether it played any role in the virus's spread.

Both NIH and NIAID were bombarded during the early months of the pandemic with public records requests for internal communications about that grant and related research.

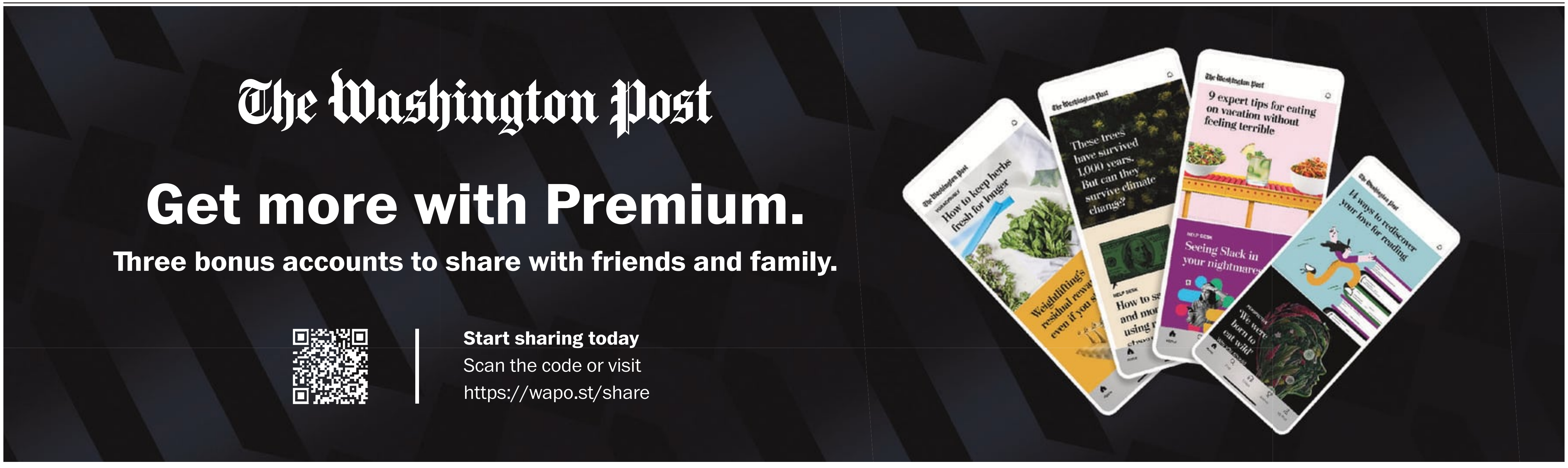
Over the course of the next several months, Morens, Daszak and another man — who previously released records indicate is Gerald Keusch, a former associate director of Boston University's infectious disease lab — repeatedly discussed limiting their conversations to private email so they could speak freely, court filings say.

Morens several times discussed scrubbing his government accounts of communications that could stoke conspiracy theories, prosecutors said.

As part of his plea agreement, Morens also admitted Tuesday to accepting several "illegal gratuities" from Daszak, though he was not charged with any crime related to those gifts.

For example, prosecutors said the nonprofit executive sent two bottles of wine to Morens's Maryland home with a note thanking Morens for his "advice, support, and behind-the-scenes shenanigans in [Daszak's] battle against your bosses boss, his boss, and the ultimate boss on the hill," an apparent reference to Trump administration officials.

Neither Daszak nor Keusch has been charged with a crime. They could not be immediately reached for comment Tuesday.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Ex-attorney casts doubt on antisemitism claims at Brown, Harvard, Columbia

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and Harvard, no complete investigation was conducted."

Van Erem left the Justice Department in May 2025, her attorneys said, because she was "unwilling to be made vulnerable to further participation in politically motivated investigations unsupported by facts and contrary to law."

Her disclosures Tuesday could bolster concerns raised by critics that the administration's self-proclaimed push to combat antisemitism on campus was in fact an effort to punish schools it deemed ideologically opposed to its agenda. Van Erem's account raised questions about past settlements the administration has struck with universities under investigation as well as pending probes that have yet to be resolved.

A spokesperson for the Justice Department said it "stands behind the integrity of these investigations."

Van Erem's attorneys filed her complaint Monday with the Republican chairs and senior Democrats on the House and Senate Judiciary committees. The document was released Tuesday by Rep. Jamie Raskin (Maryland), the top Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee.

"From the start of the Trump Administration's ferocious attack on universities, it has been apparent that its investigations have been structured deliberately to harass and intimidate rather than protect anyone from discrimination," Raskin said in letter to Harmeet K. Dhillon, head of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division.

Since President Donald Trump's return to the White House last year, he has waged an aggressive campaign to crack down on anti-Jewish bias as well as diversity, equity and inclusion at the nation's most prestigious schools, cutting off billions of dollars in research funding to bring universities to heel.

Large-scale pro-Palestinian protests erupted on many college campuses following the Oct. 7, 2023, terrorist attacks by Hamas and Israel's scorched-earth retaliatory invasion of Gaza.

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Pro-Palestinian protesters at Brown University in April 2024.

Amid those demonstrations, some Jewish students have alleged schools have done little to protect them from targeting and harassment. Universities have generally said they are working to find the right balance between the First Amendment rights of protesters and the safety of the students.

The effort has also divided the Jewish community, with some members welcoming Trump's high-profile push against antisemitism and others criticizing it as pretext to undermine free speech and educational institutions.

"These attacks unleashed an unprecedented wave of vile anti-Semitic discrimination, vandalism, and violence against our citizens, especially in our schools and on our campuses," Trump wrote in an executive order establishing the task force just days into his second term.

DOJ and the other agencies involved, including the Departments of Health and Human Services and Education, made it clear their first priority was universities.

Attorneys for Van Erem said in her complaint that she was among a number of Justice Department lawyers involuntarily pulled from jobs investigating pressing civil rights matters and detailed in February 2025 to HHS to pursue antisemitism concerns.

Her complaint primarily focused on the group's investigations of three Ivy League universities: Harvard, Columbia and Brown.

In the case of Brown, Van Erem alleged her team was surprised to discover the administration had blocked more than $500 million in federal funding to the school before its investigation was complete.

In the end, she alleged, her team did not find evidence to support the administration's claims that university leaders had systemically violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination based on race, color or national origin, in its dealings with Jewish students.

But a top HHS official on the task force, Daniel Shieh, reportedly told its members that "there's no way we're going to get a letter of no violation cleared" by administration higher-ups, and pushed the task force to pursue a settlement with the university instead, Van Erem's lawyers said.

Van Erem also said she and other task force members were asked to interview Muslim professors on the campus — not because of any complaints lodged against them, but to see what they might say in hopes that it could be cast as antisemitic.

Brown in July 2025 opted to settle with the Justice Department, agreeing to spend $50 million over 10 years on work force development programs in Rhode Island, where the school is based, while admitting no wrongdoing.

An HHS spokesperson did not immediately respond to requests for comment on Van Erem's claims Tuesday.

Brian Clark, a spokesperson for Brown, did not comment on the whistleblower's allegations. But in a statement Tuesday, he stressed that Brown was never informed of any finding that the university had violated the law despite its decision to settle.

"A freeze on funding for the University's federally sponsored medical and health sciences research had posed enormous challenges for Brown's research mission and financial sustainability, and if left unaddressed, would have undermined our ability to conduct lifesaving research and to offer our students a world-class education," Clark said.

In the case of Columbia, Van Erem said, DOJ's representatives on the task force were given only hours to review claims that officials hoped to cite to justify an administration finding that the university had violated Jewish students' civil rights. In some cases, she suggested, the claims involved little more than activists' expressions of support for Palestinians.

"My main concern is that a lot of these [examples] involve protected speech and this document should not imply that those incidents are the basis of a Title VI violations," she wrote at the time about the Columbia allegations in a message quoted in her complaint.

Nevertheless, the task force pressed on, securing a settlement from Columbia in July 2025 with the school agreeing to pay more than $200 million over three years for the alleged violations — a deal that resulted in the restoration of nearly $400 million in research grants that had previously been frozen by the administration.

Trump administration officials hoped similar pressures would convince officials at Harvard to settle, Van Erem said. According to her complaint, early drafts of a proposed settlement with the school included provisions that went well beyond addressing antisemitism, such as ending DEI programs, installing a provost to oversee curriculum and putting endowment money into trusts the government could seize.

Sean Keveney, then the general counsel at HHS, told task force members he believed Harvard would settle because they are "over a barrel," Van Erem said. Keveney has since left the agency and now serves as chief counsel at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Harvard, however, took the case to court and won. And in many respects, Van Erem's claims Tuesday supported the arguments university lawyers had been making in court for months: that the task force's accusations were driven by political considerations.

Last year, a federal judge reversed more than $2.6 billion in cuts in federal research funding to the school, accusing the Trump administration of using "antisemitism as a smokescreen for a targeted, ideologically-motivated assault on this country's premier universities."

Last week, another judge dismissed an administration lawsuit accusing Harvard of ignoring harassment of Jewish students, saying the incidents described were "too isolated and episodic" to support claims of systemic violations.

Harvard's legal victories and Van Erem's statements could affect the responses of universities still facing scrutiny by the task force. Last year, the task force sent warnings to 60 schools and promised to visit 10 campuses as part of its investigations into incidents of alleged antisemitism.

Asked Tuesday to comment on Van Erem's complaints, several of those schools, including the University of California at Berkeley, declined to comment.

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CAROLINE	4483	647	REDDY MILL ROAD	MATTAPONI RIVER	7/27/2026
TAZEWELL	18654	693E	ROUTE 693	CLINCH RIVER	7/16/2026
WISE	19475	748E	CUB HOLLOW ROAD	DOTSON FORK	7/8/2026
AMHERST	1417	610	PUPPY CREEK ROAD	HORSELEYS CREEK	7/8/2026

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THE WORLD

Senegal school teaches resistance to patriarchal norms

Women in West African nation have to navigate a complex social landscape

BY **MONIKA PRONCZUK**
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Students study at the Mariama Ba School in Goree Island Senegal in March. Fewer than 20 percent of girls in the country make it through high school.

Ndeye Awa Diop sits on the steps of the Mariama Ba school in Goree Island, Senegal, in March.

GOREE ISLAND, SENEGAL — As a child, Ndeye Awa Diop was so shy she couldn't look people in the eye.

Raised in rural Senegal, she learned to embrace what was traditionally expected of girls across the predominately Muslim West African nation. They should be seen but not heard. They should obey their elders.

But her life turned upside down when, as a 12-year-old, she was accepted into the country's first elite boarding school for girls, on Goree Island off Dakar, the capital.

"So, here I am, coming here completely shy. I didn't even dare raise my hand in class," Diop said. She was homesick, crying. Over the years, the sisterhood of classmates helped. Now she is 19 and president of the student council — and about to graduate.

"I learned to be a leader," she said.

Women in Senegal have to navigate a complex social landscape. Patriarchal norms are increasingly challenged by women empowered by progressive legislation that requires half of political parties' candidates to be women and, at least on paper, guarantees women's access to land ownership.

Senegal also has made enormous progress in girls' education. The vast majority of girls are enrolled in primary education, at a rate higher than for boys.

But girls are more likely to drop out. Less than 20 percent make it through high school. As a result, for every 100 boys who can read and write, just 84 girls can.

"The current challenge isn't access to school for girls, but rather the completion of schooling up to secondary level and, of course, the transition to the job market," said Maissa Abdellaoui, a girls' education specialist with UNICEF.

If money is tight, families tend to prioritize keeping boys in school, even if girls show more promise, experts say. Girls tend to skip school when they start menstruating. They are also more likely to get married and have children as teenagers.

Senegal's founding president, Leopold Sedar Senghor, named the boarding school on Goree Island in 1985 after Mariama Ba, the country's most famous female author. Ba's novels explored women caught between traditional upbringing and modern aspirations, criticizing polygamy, widespread in the country, and patriarchy.

She resisted the label of feminist, which she saw as a Western invention, despite being a lifelong advocate of gender equality and a three-time divorcee, which was unheard of at the time.

The school, which has a 100 percent completion rate, occupies a former French military barracks on an island with a painful past. As the westernmost point of Africa, it was the largest center of the trans-Atlantic slave trade. Today it is serene, with no cars allowed on its cobblestone streets.

Only 35 girls are admitted to the school every year out of 150 who are invited to participate in an entrance exam on the basis of their grades. Tuition and boarding are fully funded by the state.

Through six years of middle and high school, girls undergo rigorous academic training. They also study art, play sports and attend talks with successful female writers, politicians and doctors — many of them graduates.

On a recent morning, dozens of girls in crisp uniforms rushed through the courtyards filled with bougainvillea, baobabs and palm trees to the sounds of birds and ocean waves.

Their days unfold with precision: wake, shower, prayer, breakfast, classes, lunch, more classes and back to the study hall before dinner.

This discipline is necessary to empower them to be "the female elite on which Senegal is counting heavily," headmistress Ramatoulaye Diagne Sarr said.

In one classroom, 15-year-olds hotly debated a topic which, given the school's location, felt anything but remote: the history of slavery. Their teacher, Paul Felix Thiao, guided the discussion with a satisfied smile.

"Often in society, we see that men tend to dominate women," he said. But places like the school show that "if we give them more freedom, if we give them more opportunities, they can go far."

Yet female empowerment in Senegal remains challenging.

Women own only 2 percent of agricultural land, according to the United Nations, and make up the majority of people without formal work arrangements. Under Senegalese law, only men can be heads of households.

"In Senegal, people's mentality remains very, very, very strict regarding women's independence," said student Marie Diop, 18. "In fact, each day you are fighting a battle to make people understand that … women have the capacity to manage, to be in charge."

The headmistress said the school serves a model for girls "who are hesitating, who think it's impossible to climb the ladder." Yet, she said, despite the fact that all headmistresses in the school's history have been women, the majority of teachers are male.

The alumni association plays an important role as mentors.

Matel Sow, the 27-year-old head of the association, came from a village in eastern Senegal and said attending the school was "a radical change."

It took some convincing for her father to let her go, she said. Today, she is a graduate of the prestigious Cheikh Anta Diop university in Dakar and the University of Texas, and she works as an associate at the nonprofit International Budget Partnership.

With time, she said, her father realized how important it was for her to pursue studies.

"He said, 'You can do what you want, I trust you,'" she recalled. "As long as you stay true to your core values and roots," which are "tradition and religion."

She said it has not always been easy. As a working mother of a 2-year old girl, she has leaned on her supportive husband, with whom she has formed "a genuine partnership."

While the Mariama Ba school has impressive results, it remains the only one of its kind in the country. Experts say what's needed for true female empowerment in Senegal is systemic change.

Abdellaoui, the UNICEF expert, praised the school but said the "most vulnerable" should also have access to such opportunities.

Sarr, the headmistress, acknowledged that the majority of students come from the capital.

Diop, the first girl in her village to be accepted into the school, now aspires to be an international business lawyer. Having a family is not her priority, a rare outlook in Senegal.

"To be a strong woman is not to be afraid to be alone," she said.

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SOMALIA

Dozens are killed in fierce fighting

Hours of fierce fighting between government troops and militias that killed dozens of combatants in Somalia's southwestern city of Baidoa also left at least four civilians dead and 98 others wounded, a hospital official said Tuesday.

The fighting erupted early Monday when militia groups attacked government positions on the outskirts of the city, which is home to more than half a million people displaced by conflict and drought. Somali officials said at least 30 attackers were killed, but did not immediately give a toll for government troops.

Abdikafi Omar Mohamud, head of the emergencies department at Bay Regional Hospital in Baidoa, said the fighting also killed at least four civilians and injured 98, including 28 women and an elderly man hit by stray bullets. The latest violence placed additional pressure on health services already struggling to serve residents and displacement camps in Baidoa, about 150 miles northwest of Mogadishu.

Mohamud's hospital had only 40 beds available and put up an emergency tent to accommodate the influx after the fighting erupted. Medical workers were also struggling with shortages of essential medicines, he said.

Calm returned to Baidoa on Tuesday as security forces patrolled major streets and inspected buildings and vehicles damaged in the fighting. Residents cautiously emerged from their homes, although troops maintained a heavy presence in key areas.

The violence began shortly after 5 a.m. Monday with two explosions near a military base east of Baidoa. Heavy fighting broke out minutes later around another base in Bonkay, south of the city, before armed men entered Baidoa and exchanged fire with government troops.

— Associated Press

CANADA

Separatist party to delay referendum

The leader of Quebec's separatist party said Tuesday that he would delay any referendum on independence from Canada until Donald Trump is no longer U.S. president.

Parti Québécois leader Paul St-Pierre Plamondon, whose party is out of power but could win Quebec's next election, which must be held by Oct. 5, said a PQ government would still hold a referendum during its first term — but not before Jan. 20, 2029, when Trump's term ends.

He said a question as consequential as Quebec's future requires a clear and calm debate.

"It must not be hijacked by the upheavals of American politics, nor by the outbursts of an unpredictable president, nor by fear campaigns," St-Pierre Plamondon said.

"This unpredictability of the American administration will harm our process as well as the quality of the debate on our future as a nation."

Trump's tariffs and repeated talk of making Canada the 51st U.S. state have complicated the separatist case in Quebec, fueling Canadian nationalism and prompting some French-speaking Quebecers to see greater security in remaining part of Canada.

Separatist sentiment has also surfaced in Alberta, where voters will decide Oct. 19 whether the province should take steps toward holding a binding referendum on leaving Canada.

— Associated Press

GERMANY

Man admits to killing American in 1994

An 81-year-old man admitted to sexually assaulting and killing an American tourist in Germany more than 30 years ago at the opening of his trial Tuesday, the German news agency DPA reported.

The defendant, whose name was not given in line with German privacy rules, admitted to killing 24-year-old Amy Lopez in 1994 in the western German city of Koblenz, the news agency reported.

Prosecutors accused him of "killing a person in a treacherous manner and for base motives in order to satisfy his sexual urges."

The defense lawyer, Volker Klein, said during the session in the Koblenz district court that the defendant admitted fully to the crime. When the presiding judge, Rupert Stehlin, asked the defendant if that was true, the 81-year-old nodded and said "yes."

The crime took place Sept. 26, 1994, when Amy Lopez was visiting Koblenz as a tourist.

The prosecution accuses the man, who was 49 years old at the time, of luring her under false pretenses into a secluded room of the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress in Koblenz, where he then allegedly handcuffed her, sexually assaulted her and killed her with nine knife wounds to the chest area.

The cold case remained unsolved for decades until investigators analyzed old DNA traces using new methods, ultimately leading to a breakthrough. DNA found on the victim's waistband and thigh were eventually linked to the man, DPA reported.

The man was arrested in late February at a nursing home in the Koblenz area. Eight trial days have been scheduled, and a verdict is expected in September.

— Associated Press

Nuclear material found at an undisclosed site in Syria was not dangerous and would remain in Syrian custody, subject to the International Atomic Energy Agency's guarantees, Syria's foreign minister said Tuesday. Asaad al-Shibani added in a joint news conference with IAEA chief Rafael Mariano Grossi in Damascus that Syria had the right to use the material for civil and peaceful purposes.

— From news services

Russians fear Kremlin will seize deposits to fund war

Citizens withdraw billions from banks, causing record cash outflow

BY CATHERINE BELTON

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The Central Bank of the Russian Federation in Moscow. Russians have withdrawn nearly $3.4 billion in the first two weeks of August, causing liquidity problems.

Russians are pulling billions from the country's banking system — a record cash outflow amid intensifying Ukrainian drone attacks and rising fear that the Kremlin could start seizing deposits to finance its war.

Nearly $3.4 billion (286.4 billion rubles) was withdrawn in the first two weeks of August, on top of the $7.3 billion withdrawn in July and more than $4.5 billion in June, according to Russian Central Bank data.

Total withdrawals this year could nearly double the amount taken out in the first year of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, according to Taras Skvortsov, a senior executive at Sberbank, Russia's biggest retail financial institution.

The withdrawals are causing liquidity problems, according to Skvortsov and a former senior Russian finance official, overstretching a financial sector already strained by increasing levels of bad debts following a government-directed lending boom to ramp up military output.

"Drones are flying. Things are burning down. Nervousness is growing. And people's everyday wisdom may be kicking in that they need to have cash under their pillow and not somewhere in banks where it may never be returned," said the former finance official, who like others spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive issues.

"For some banks this really is a problem," the former official said. "They didn't expect this, and they invested all the cash elsewhere, and yet people are coming and taking out half a trillion rubles a month."

Alexandra Prokopenko, a former adviser to the Russian Central Bank, said the withdrawals reflected deepening fear among the Russian public.

"It means people have no trust in the Russian banking system or in the Russian financial system," Prokopenko said. "This is all a consequence of the fear that the government will do something with the banking system, that it could nationalize deposits."

She said she believed that such a nationalization was unlikely but added, "I would not exclude that the authorities could impose limits on withdrawals."

The total siphoned out this year already exceeds the $24.7 billion (2 trillion rubles) removed in the first year following the February 2022 invasion.

In the first two weeks of the invasion, $23 billion fled the system, and banks appeared to be imperiled by depositors and businesses lining up to empty their accounts, until the government stemmed the drain by imposing tough capital controls and sharply raising interest rates.

Now, big businesses are also seeking to move money out of the reach of Russian regulators as anxiety grows over potential asset seizures. That is further exacerbating the problems, the former official said.

In all, more than $9.4 billion was transferred out of Russia in the second quarter of 2026, according to Central Bank data.

"Each month there is a big outflow," Skvortsov told RBK Radio, a Russian radio station. "If the trend continues things are not going to get better."

The withdrawals have already undermined the Russian government's efforts to raise money to finance the war through issuing state bonds.

The Finance Ministry last month was forced to cancel planned bond issues, even though it has become ever more dependent on them as a means of filling a yawning budget deficit as spending on the military continues to grow while the economy stalls.

Skvortsov told RBK Radio that the banks' liquidity problems mean many cannot spare cash to buy government bonds.

"If there is an ominous sign of imperial overreach, this is clearly one of them," said Craig Kennedy, a former vice chairman in investment banking at Bank of America Merrill Lynch who is now a scholar at Harvard University's Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies.

"Great powers don't have repeated treasury bond failures in the middle of a war," Kennedy said.

As a result of government orders to ramp up lending to the defense sector, Russian banks "appear to have so much exposure to nonviable borrowers that they're not certain how it's going to get restructured, when it's going to get restructured and how much of that they are going to have to eat," Kennedy added.

In a sign of how sensitive the strain on Russia's finances is becoming for the Kremlin, the chief economist at VEB, one of the country's biggest state banks, Andrei Klepach, was fired from his post this weekend after commenting that Russia could not win a war of attrition against Ukraine while Kyiv is supported by the West.

"We won't win the competition in this war of attrition," Klepach said in a presentation he made in May, which was circulated in the media last week. "We're under the illusion that everything [in Ukraine] will collapse. It hasn't, and it won't. Meanwhile, the costs we bear are mounting."

Ever since Ukraine began expanding its drone campaign against Russian oil facilities this spring, taking out more than 30 percent of the country's refining capacity and causing the worst fuel crisis since the fall of the Soviet Union, anxiety has intensified.

In June, the Russian Central Bank was forced to limit an expected interest rate cut because of fears that fuel price hikes could spur inflation. Panic spiraled through the bond market, driving interest rates up to 17 percent for the government's 10-year bonds and forcing the Finance Ministry to postpone further issues.

With the budget deficit for January to July already at 6.46 trillion rubles ($76.1 billion) — far exceeding the 3.8 trillion rubles forecast for the entire year — fears are mounting that the Kremlin could seize big businesses' revenue to finance the war.

"If the government needs cash, Putin will just do a grab for assets. He doesn't care," said an associate of one Russian billionaire. "And that's where I think it's heading."

In addition, "there is the feeling that political power is becoming not quite as stable, and this is such a period when it is better not to be present," the former finance official said.

Already several businesses owned by Russian billionaires have been targeted by the government in a nationalization drive that last year alone saw $51.5 billion in assets seized for the state, according to Russian prosecutors.

In June, the Russian state seized $7.6 billion (550 billion rubles) of assets linked to Vadim Moshkovich, who founded Rosagro, one of Russia's biggest agricultural holdings, after the billionaire was detained and charged with large-scale fraud.

It was the biggest asset seizure in Russia since the start of the full-scale invasion. Others who have lost assets to the state include Dmitry Kamenschik, who previously owned Domodedovo airport in Moscow; and Konstantin Strukov, who controlled one of the country's biggest gold mines.

Some economists argue that the Kremlin's drive to direct bank lending into cranking up military output is strangling the civilian economy, especially because high interest rates and inflation leave banks and companies with few funds left for investment in nonmilitary sectors.

The Russian economy ground to a halt in the first half of 2026, with gross domestic product growth falling to 0.3 percent, compared with 1.2 percent in the first half of 2025.

For now, however, the Trump administration's war with Iran has pushed oil prices back up and given the Kremlin a partial reprieve from its budget squeeze.

Russian state oil and gas revenue increased by 60 percent in July compared with the same month the previous year, as global oil prices rose, but it is still down 11 percent between January and July compared with the same period last year.

Ukraine's attacks on Russian oil refineries as well as on the sprawling network of warehouses belonging to Wildberries, Russia's largest online retailer, are also hitting Russian billionaires' bottom line.

"It's costing these guys money," said the associate of the Russian billionaire, referring to Russia's richest individuals. "They have to put their hands in their pocket. They're not used to having all these problems."

Ukraine has hit more than 20 Wildberries warehouses since it began targeting the company's facilities on July 18, in an onslaught that some economists estimate has destroyed more than $6 billion in goods and caused more than $3 billion in damages to Wildberries infrastructure.

"It's not a place you want to be doing business," the billionaire's associate added. "If you can pull money out, you do it."

One Moscow business executive said, "Everyone who can is trying to move money out of the country, but it's getting more and more difficult to do so."

A key channel for removing money from Russia, amid increasing government restrictions on large cash transfers abroad, involves opening brokerage accounts in neighboring Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Armenia, according to the Moscow business executive and the former finance official.

"From there this money can be invested across the world," the former finance official said.

As concerns grow over the war's mounting financial toll, several senior officials have staged rare public interventions in recent weeks.

German Gref, the head of Sberbank, broke ranks at the end of June by publicly saying everyone wanted the war to end as soon as possible.

Then early in August, the powerful Moscow mayor, Sergei Sobyanin, spoke out against calls by hard-line members of parliament to further focus the economy on the war.

"If there's no economy of peaceful life itself, there will be no taxes, no income for the population, the political situation will be completely different, and then we won't achieve success in the war either," Sobyanin told Tass, a state news agency. "And to kill life, to kill the civilian economy, is to kill the country itself."

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ECONOMY & BUSINESS

Tesla’s true believers begin to question faith in Musk

As the billionaire turns his focus to other ventures such as SpaceX, some wonder whether his car company has become an afterthought

BY **FAIZ SIDDIQUI**

Tad Park believes in Tesla. He believes in the company so much that he once put his kids in the path of a Tesla running in Full Self-Driving mode, to prove the technology was safe enough to avoid running them over.

Lately, however, the Tesla investor’s near-Abrahamic degree of faith in the world’s most valuable carmaker has been shaken. As Elon Musk has fixated on SpaceX’s ambitions of putting data centers in space and humans on Mars, driving the rocket company to a record-breaking initial public offering, Park has grown concerned that Musk’s attention is drifting from Tesla. The electric-vehicle company is reorganizing around humanoid robots and artificial intelligence — a dramatic departure from the consumer technology that first drew him to the company.

“We just really, really want [Musk] to focus on Tesla more,” said Park, whose confidence in the brand previously led him to borrow money to buy Tesla stock. “So I think that that has been a pain point.”

Tesla fans who are usually breathless supporters of Musk’s businesses are speaking in an unusual tone, channeling what they once accused detractors of: fear, uncertainty and doubt.

Park is among a group of devoted Tesla investors who find their patience in the company — and its leader — is being tested. Once the crown jewel of Musk’s empire, Tesla’s stock has faltered, dropping more than 20 percent since the beginning of 2026. Some have publicly expressed hope that SpaceX acquires the automaker, to prevent it from teetering toward irrelevance.

Tesla’s true believers, including some who reaped handsome payoffs from the automaker’s first renaissance, are being asked to return the favor and keep backing Musk, as he drives the company toward a far-off future.

“Tesla investors are confused, and some feel betrayed,” said Bradford Ferguson, creator of the investment group Rebellionaire, pointing to the company’s approval of a roughly trillion-dollar pay package offer last year intended to secure Musk’s focus on the carmaker.

“It has not worked out that way,” Ferguson said. “Tesla seems to be an afterthought.”

Tesla won over its initial crop of customers with sleek, high-performance vehicles, paired with a climate-focused mission: “Accelerating the world’s transition to sustainable energy.”

Tesla is notorious for its booster-ish fan culture. Its biggest fans could not only invest in the company but drive its signature product off the lot.

Now it has entered a new era focused on infrastructure and reoriented around two service-focused products — the Optimus humanoid robot and the Cybercab autonomous vehicle — that stray from Tesla’s traditional market, aiming to capture factory work and ride-hail customers in addition to its usual tech consumers. Its new mission is “to build a world of amazing abundance.”

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Tesla was once the crown jewel of Elon Musk’s empire, but the company’s stock has faltered, dropping more than 20 percent since the beginning of the year.

STEVE NESIUS/REUTERS

Tesla Cybertrucks outside the SpaceX launch production facility in Starbase, Texas, in July.

Its pullback from cars to a yet-unproven bet on robotics occupies a space known as “Physical AI,” which largely targets enterprise customers — a sharp shift from products investors use in their daily lives.

As it has embarked on less-proven pursuits, Tesla reported a year-over-year decline in profits last quarter, even as its revenue surged by 26 percent — a stark contrast with an automotive business that reliably recorded gains.

Investors “are losing faith that [Full Self-Driving] will ever be able to scale from its current roster of 90-100 unsupervised autonomous vehicles without safety monitors,” wrote Gary Black, an investment adviser who is managing partner of the Future Fund.

Musk and Tesla did not reply to a request for comment.

Tesla’s challenges underscore the difficulties facing some companies in the artificial intelligence era, as the astronomical prices of computer components vaporize profits, forcing investors to get behind long-term bets without a clear payoff.

For some investors, there is little light at the end of the tunnel.

“It’s not a start-up anymore,” said Park, who oversees a fund in the tens of millions of dollars focused on Tesla called TESL. “If you’re, like, an over-trillion-dollar company, if you’re nearly a trillion-dollar company, you kind of need to have some [realistic] goals.”

Though the company has promised for years to bring full autonomy to its vehicles, allowing them to operate without a driver at the wheel, Tesla continues to record only incremental progress.

Musk’s long-term product road map for Tesla reads to some as an elaborate fantasy: producing 1 billion Optimus humanoid robots, helping build the largest chip fabricator in the world and making millions of vehicles fully autonomous to create a massive “Robotaxi” network, shuttling passengers across the globe.

Achieving any one of those milestones would set Tesla apart from competing auto and tech companies, but so far the company hasn’t marked the major breakthroughs to convince investors.

“I don’t trust management’s commentary anymore,” Matt Smith, a partner of Ferguson’s at Rebellionaire, recently wrote on X. “Way too many broken promises and missed deadlines.”

“I’m an investor, not a cheerleader,” he said in a follow-up post.

Not everyone is losing faith. There are some “people who buy into the vision that are starting to want more,” said Deepwater Asset Management managing partner Gene Munster. But as a whole, he said, “the religion is really healthy.”

Munster said he falls into a similar camp as the others: He is behind Musk’s vision but thinks investors are increasingly looking for evidence it can deliver.

“The central question all institutional, retail investors should be asking themselves is, do you believe?” he said.

But the emerging critics are a stark departure from a group that typically has easily signed on to Musk’s vision.

Ross Gerber, a SpaceX investor who has been critical of Musk’s leadership of his companies in recent years, has found the sudden tone shift from once-bullish investment corners amusing. He has a term for the fanboys who’ve largely fallen in line with whatever Musk was pitching.

“I think the minions are unhappy,” Gerber said.

Park said the bar for scrutiny has simply shifted because of the “different set of expectations for a mega-cap company.”

But it’s not only Tesla that has changed, he added. “It also means the type of investor has matured along this journey.”

DIGEST

GAMBLING

Fewer U.S. adults say they’re betting

Significantly fewer adults in the United States said they’ve gambled in the past year, according to a new survey from Gallup.

Gallup estimated that 45 percent of adults participated in at least one form of gambling in the previous 12 months, down from 64 percent in 2016. The estimates are based on telephone interviews with more than 2,000 participants.

A parallel online survey that Gallup conducted in June returned a higher proportion of gamblers across all forms, leading to an estimate that 53 percent of adults gambled in the past year.

The telephone survey comes as online prediction markets and sports betting websites proliferate, sparking concerns over their advertising or that they might contribute to gambling addiction and consumer debt.

A separate Gallup report found that the share of Americans who found gambling morally acceptable fell to a new low of 57 percent.

Gallup said it added prediction markets to this year’s gambling survey.

The survey found that the number of Americans who had purchased a state lottery ticket was down 18 percentage points compared with 2016 — the largest change in any betting activity. There was also a 12-point drop in adults who said they’ve gambled at casinos.

Gallup said it interviewed a random sample of 2,201 adults from early June through mid-July and weighted responses for the estimate. The margin of sampling error was three percentage points.

— Cole Reynolds

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Study examines how chatbots are used

ChatGPT and other artificial intelligence assistants have billions of users — but data on how people are really using the tools is sparse and fragmented.

It’s one reason researchers launched the AI Observatory, a public resource to measure how people use AI by analyzing anonymized chats from seven different sources.

Looking at more than 23,000 conversations people had with various chatbots including OpenAI’s ChatGPT, Google’s Gemini and SpaceX’s Grok between 2023 and 2025, the researchers behind the project found that 48 percent of the chats were not about work. (The Washington Post has a content partnership with OpenAI.)

OpenAI, Google and Anthropic, maker of the Claude chatbot, all recently released reports based on user data that tried to predict how their tools may impact the future of jobs. But the observatory’s analysis showed that people are increasingly integrating AI into intimate parts of their life, like health and relationship advice, said Anka Reuel, one of the lead researchers on the project.

The findings underscore the need for independent public monitoring of how people are using AI in the real world, she said.

“I want decision-makers to look at the whole spectrum of evidence — seeing how models are actually being used across companies, across use cases, across work and nonwork settings, to make informed decisions on what the policy response should be,” said Reuel, a Stanford University PhD candidate.

— Nitasha Tiku

REGULATION

Apple will rework commission system

Apple said Tuesday that it will charge a 5 percent commission on digital transactions in apps distributed outside its App Store, replacing a more complex system as it seeks to comply with the European Union’s Digital Markets Act.

The company last year changed App Store rules and fees in the E.U. after the bloc’s antitrust regulators ordered it to remove commercial barriers that they said hindered developers from directing customers outside the store.

The regulators criticized Apple’s conditions, including a new core technology fee, saying they discouraged developers from using alternative app distribution channels on its iOS mobile operating system.

Apple said Tuesday that App Store apps using alternative payment processing will face a 20 percent commission, although fees could fall to 10 percent under its small business program.

For apps distributed through alternative app marketplaces or the web, Apple will charge a 5 percent core technology commission. The new terms eliminate the initial acquisition fee and store services fee charged under the previous system.

The changes, effective Oct. 1, will resolve disagreements with the E.U. and the European Commission over these issues, Apple said. The Commission said it welcomed Apple’s changes and will monitor implementation.

Apple will introduce a single set of terms for developers operating in the E.U. that are similar to the commission-based terms it offers in markets such as Japan and Brazil, the company said.

— Reuters

Private equity firm KKR has offered to buy U.S. natural gas and electricity distributor UGI Corp for $9 billion, the Wall Street Journal reported Tuesday, citing people familiar with the matter. The offer values UGI at $42.50 per share, the report said. This represents a premium of 21.1 percent to UGI’s closing price Monday, according to Reuters calculations. A surge in demand from AI data centers and other large power users is reshaping the energy market, putting reliable sources such as natural gas in greater focus.

— From news services

A $15,000 used-car budget gets far less bang for the buck

Today's auto market offers a rude awakening. Here's how to navigate it.

Michelle Singletary
THE COLOR OF MONEY

When she was 17, my daughter named her silver 2009 used Honda Civic Charlotte.

It would be the start of a long relationship after my husband and I found a great "certified" used car in 2012. Our daughter was heading into her senior year, and we were looking for a reliable used car for her to drive.

The mileage on the 2009 Civic was a bit high, at just under 50,000 miles, so we balked at the $18,000 price tag. Generally, experts say you should expect to see between 10,000 and 12,000 miles on a car each year. At three years old, this one had averaged over 16,000 miles. Given the heavy usage, we felt the price didn't match the car's condition.

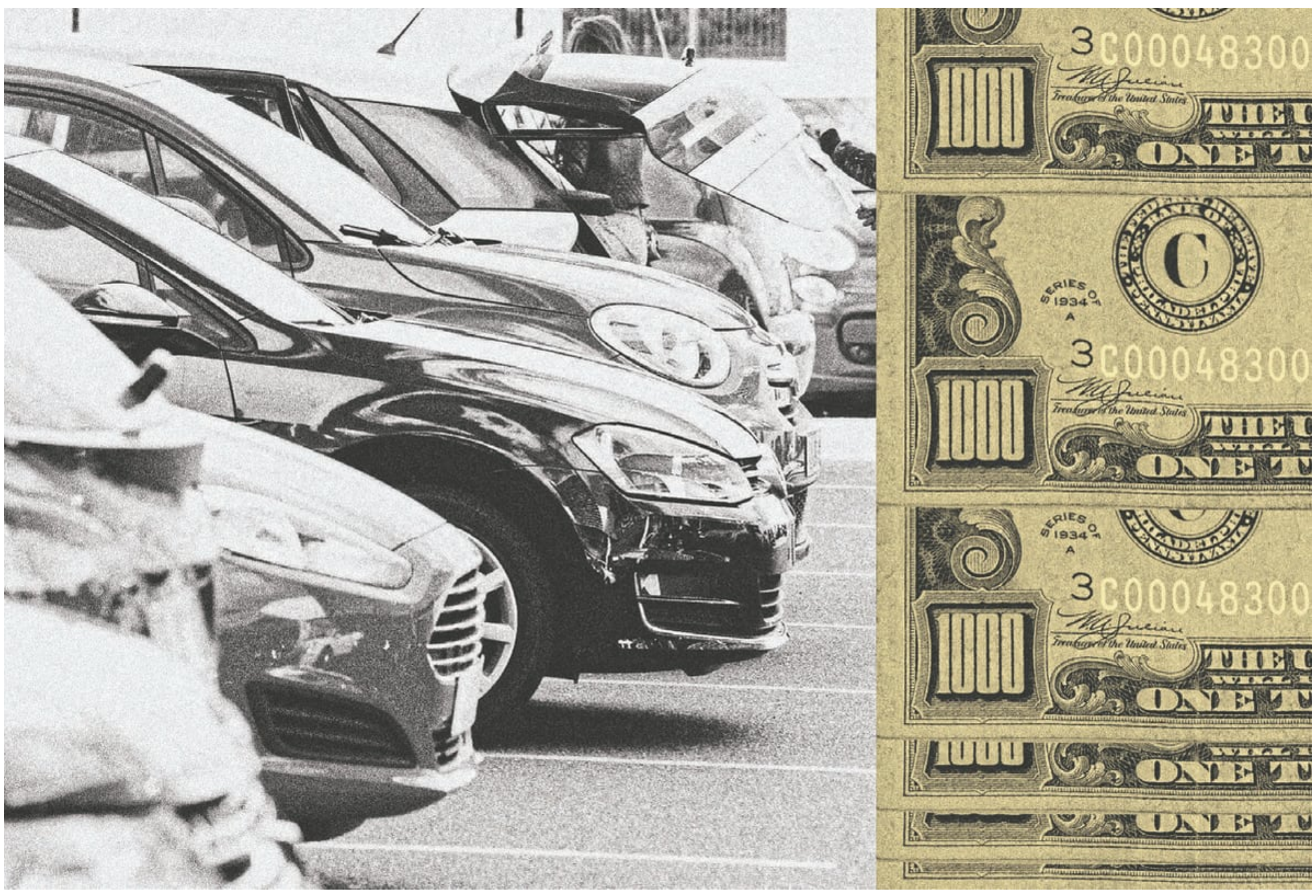
I suspected there was room to negotiate the price since the car had been on the market for 38 days. *(Y'all, I've kept all my homework and price history on the car in a folder with its maintenance records.)*

A week after first looking at it, I called the salesman back, and he agreed to lower the price. We paid $15,952 for the Civic.

My now 31-year-old daughter is still driving Charlotte.

Back then, time and a little haggling were on our side. But today?

What I just described is ancient history compared to the current used vehicle market. If you walk away from a deal now, expecting the car to sit on the lot waiting for a desperate dealer to discount the price, you're in for a rude awakening. Today's shoppers are facing record-high prices and a dwindling supply of budget-friendly inventory, according to a new second-quarter report from car-shopping website Edmunds.



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"Nothing that you know from before has stayed the same," said Ivan Drury, director of insights at Edmunds.

At a heart-clutching $32,461, the average price of a three-year-old used vehicle reached its highest second-quarter level on record. That's 4 percent higher than a year ago and a 15.5 percent increase from 2021, when pandemic-related supply issues affected the industry.

If that wasn't bad enough, Drury said the most dramatic shift is occurring for used cars priced between $15,000 and $20,000.

In 2019, a budget of $10,000 to $15,000 bought a 4.7-year-old vehicle with about 58,000 miles. Today, that exact same dollar amount gets you a car averaging 8.7 years old with 98,000 miles.

In the $15,000 to $20,000 price range, the average age of vehicles has nearly doubled, from 3.4 years to six years, while average mileage has increased from roughly 42,000 to more than 71,000.

If your budget is between $5,000 and $10,000, the average age has risen from 8.1 years to 10.7 years, and typical mileage now exceeds 120,000 miles, at which point maintenance becomes costly.

"You go from having transportation that would require minimal to no repair to now something that, honestly, you're gonna be worried about," Drury said.

Budget shoppers don't have time to hesitate. Vehicles between $5,000 and $10,000 sold in an average of just 25 days in the second quarter.

Here's why it's so tough to find an affordable used car: supply and demand.

Years of reduced new-car production due to the pandemic mean fewer used vehicles are being sold. Americans are leasing less in recent years, reducing the availability of three- to four-year-old off-lease vehicles. Rental agencies have also purchased fewer cars for their fleets. And with prices so high, owners are holding on to their cars longer.

If you're shopping in this environment, here are some strategies that still apply.

Start with a budget

I know this sounds so simple, but you have to know your upper limit. Despite higher prices and lower inventory, you still need to be certain you can comfortably make that monthly auto loan.

You might also need to increase your budget. Can you spend a little more or put down more money to get a newer used car with lower mileage and improved reliability, which could mean fewer maintenance worries down the line?

Be flexible

You might not find all the features you want on the most popular model. Look at alternative brands or smaller vehicle classes. Do you really need a large SUV? Maybe go for a midsize car.

"You have to become very open-minded," Drury said. "There are old misconceptions about certain brands. A lot of things have changed. Maybe you would have always avoided the Korean automakers, but nowadays they make a very different product than they used to."

Prearrange your financing

If you need to borrow, get preapproved from your bank or credit union. The dealer may be able to match the offer, and that's fine, but you should know how creditworthy you are so that you aren't paying more for financing than you need to.

Move fast, but not too fast

"Once you find the right one, you also have to act really quick," Drury said.

But don't be reckless. Do your homework. I used several websites to hunt for deals, including Consumer Reports, Edmunds, Kelley Blue Book, Autotrader and my always go-to site, CarGurus.

Look for advice on sites that help determine whether a deal is fair, good or overpriced. We used CarGurus when we purchased our daughter's Civic. Based on CarGurus' analysis, the internet deal the dealer listed was a "fair" price, indicating there was room to negotiate an even better price. I also noticed on CarGurus that the dealer had dropped the price of the car twice within 30 days. During our timeout, while we were mulling over the purchase, the price had dropped again. We used this information to get an even better deal, and I used the same strategy when we helped our son buy a car two years ago.

Don't rush to buy, even if you risk losing a car to another buyer. The days of easily finding a three-year-old bargain like Charlotte may be gone for now, but if you don't panic and do the prep work, you can still find a reliable ride and a deal worth driving home.

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Woman who planned to kill Bessent gets six-year term

BY **SALVADOR RIZZO**

A Massachusetts woman who traveled to D.C. last year and admitted that she planned to kill Scott Bessent, who was about to be confirmed as President Donald Trump's secretary of the treasury, was sentenced Tuesday to six years in prison.

Federal prosecutors said Riley English hatched a plan "to use a Molotov cocktail to burn a Cabinet member nominee to death in a political assassination," at a time of rising civil unrest in which Trump has faced multiple assassination attempts and other political figures have been killed.

English, 26, admitted in court documents that she was carrying a folding knife, a lighter and two miniature bottles of vodka, each affixed with a gray cloth that had been soaked with alcohol-based hand sanitizer, when she arrived at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 27, 2025. She turned herself in before carrying out an attack, about two hours before the Senate confirmed Bessent to the Cabinet post.

"What are you doing here today?" a Capitol Police officer asked.

"I was going to kill Scott Bessent," English responded, according to court records filed in connection with her guilty plea in March to charges of unlawful possession of firearms and carrying a knife on Capitol grounds.

ALEX BRANDON/AP

Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent joins President Donald Trump and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth in April at a White House luncheon for Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni.

She told law enforcement after her arrest that she had "been thinking of this for a while because of Luigi Mangione," according to court records. Mangione admitted in federal court last week that he fatally shot Brian Thompson, then the chief executive of UnitedHealthcare, in an ambush-style attack in 2024 because of Mangione's travails with the U.S. health care system.

Federal public defenders argued that English, who is transgender, had experienced mental health challenges stemming from her upbringing in a religious family, substance abuse and the death of her partner in 2023.

"The constant news about the current administration's anti-transgender agenda became a source of fear for Ms. English and another form of rejection," the public defenders said in a court filing. "Not only did her family not support her identity, but now the country did not either. Her guilt about her significant other's death also created a misguided mission to somehow help the transgender community."

They described her as someone "who was in desperate need of help, but who had no realistic plans or desires to hurt anyone," adding that the two 50-milliliter vodka bottles "would never have had the capability of being ignited."

In her interview with police, English said she did not want to hurt the senators who were considering Bessent's nomination.

"I don't want to kill the random Democrats and Republicans who are in the Senate voting and talking," English said. "I just want the evil, the truly head honchos." She also said during that interview: "I don't want to hurt people. That's why I turned myself in."

Bessent is one of the few high-ranking Trump administration officials who are openly gay.

The treasury secretary wrote in a letter to U.S. District Judge Rudolph Contreras, who handed down the sentence, that his young children had been spooked by the incident and "robbed of their innocence."

"Every defendant has an excuse," Bessent wrote. "The defendant may have mental health issues; the defendant's plan may have been ill-conceived and unlikely to work; the defendant may have surrendered to authorities at the last moment. But far more relevant is the defendant's goal of murdering a cabinet official and the grave harm of the defendant's conduct to our social compact."

English has been in custody since her arrest about 20 months ago. Her legal team requested a sentence of time served.

"Ms. Riley English pled to the lesser offense to avoid harsher potential penalties if convicted of the original charges in the indictment," public defender Maria Jacob said. "I do think the sentence was excessive in light of the fact that she turned herself in and the significant mitigating circumstances present."

In a court filing, U.S. Attorney Jeanine Pirro's office recapped a list of assassinations and attempts to use violence for political ends in recent years. There have been three attempts on Trump's life since the 2024 presidential campaign, according to the Justice Department. Pirro asked the judge to send English to prison for a decade.

"If you come to our nation's capital intending to harm a public official because of political dissent, we will find you, arrest you, prosecute you, and send you to prison," Pirro said in a statement posted on X.

Artificial-intelligence stocks head down again, dragging indexes with them

BY **STAN CHOE**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street pulled further from its all-time high Tuesday as AI stocks got back to sinking.

The S&P 500 fell 0.7 percent for a third straight modest loss since setting its all-time high Thursday. The Dow Jones Industrial Average dipped 116 points, or 0.2 percent, and the Nasdaq composite sank 1.3 percent

Leading the way lower were stocks that have been big winners in the boom around artificial-intelligence technology. They have been veering up and down this summer on worries that their prices shot too high in the AI frenzy and that the strong demand for memory, processors and other building blocks of data centers may fizzle out if AI proves less profitable than promised.

Micron Technology dropped 7 percent, and the seller of computer memory was one of the heaviest weights on the S&P 500. So were chip companies Nvidia, which fell 2.3 percent, and Broadcom, which sank 3.2 percent.

Even with their recent swings, such stocks remain big winners, and Micron has more than tripled this year.

But stocks that critics call too expensive get more scrutiny when interest rates are high, and yields remained that way in bond markets worldwide Tuesday.

The yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury edged down to 4.70 percent from 4.72 percent late Monday but remains well above its 3.97 percent level from just before the war with Iran began. The 30-year Treasury yield also ticked lower but is still near its highest level since 2007.

Yields have jumped since the war began because high oil prices are pushing upward on inflation. All the while, continuing worries about huge debt loads for governments and their increases in borrowing keep yields high.

When yields are high, investors are less willing to pay high prices for stocks and other kinds of investments, particularly those seen as the most expensive.

Much of the pressure on yields has come from oil prices, and Brent crude added 0.2 percent to $91.02 per barrel. The price has been swinging sharply on uncertainty about when and whether the United States and Iran can reach a deal to allow oil tankers to exit the Persian Gulf freely again. Brent was going for $72.87 per barrel just before the start of the war.

High yields have already sent the average long-term U.S. mortgage rate near its highest level in a year, which has hurt the housing industry. A report Tuesday said home builders broke ground on fewer new houses last month than economists expected.

Such data helped to restrain Home Depot's stock, which slipped 0.1 percent even though the retailer reported stronger profit and revenue for the latest quarter than analysts expected. Chief Financial Officer Richard McPhail said Home Depot saw its customers continue to pursue smaller projects.

High yields could also slow the borrowing Big Tech companies are doing to pay for data centers, putting at risk one of the big sources of growth for the U.S. economy.

Elsewhere on Wall Street, Klarna fell 22.8 percent even though the payments company reported stronger results for the latest quarter than analysts expected. The buy-now, pay-later company cut some of its financial forecasts for 2026, largely because of expectations for Germany, its largest market by volume.

Meta Platforms fell 4.4 percent as opening statements began in a pivotal trial in a California federal court, where states are seeking billions of dollars in damages for social media harms to children.

All told, the S&P 500 fell 53.30 points to 7,691.76. The Dow Jones Industrial Average dipped 116.38 to 53,343.40, and the Nasdaq composite sank 355.20 to 26,289.71.

U.S. debt is set to surpass $40 trillion earlier than expected as bond yields rise

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alysts now say borrowing could hit that threshold by early next year, forcing lawmakers either to suspend it or raise it again to avoid the risk of an economy-shaking default.

Trump is already focused on the debt limit, which has repeatedly plunged Washington into a dangerous game of legislative chicken. Late last month, the president urged the Senate to address "the ever looming Debt Ceiling disaster" before leaving town for its August recess.

Senate leaders did not comply, but Majority Leader John Thune (R-South Dakota) told reporters at the time that "we'll have to be dealing with it." He added: "$40 trillion in debt — seems to me that should get our attention."

For the past quarter-century, the national debt has grown under both parties, through the tax cuts of the George W. Bush era, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Great Recession, the 2017 Trump tax cuts and the nearly $2 trillion Biden administration initiative to prop up the economy during the coronavirus pandemic. Trump pledged during his first campaign in 2016 to eliminate the debt within eight years; instead, it has doubled since he first took office.

This year, the gap between spending and revenue was already expected to approach $2 trillion, the CBO reported in February. Days later, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down Trump's "Liberation Day" tariffs, cutting federal revenue by an estimated $250 billion. The Treasury has also increased borrowing lately to build up its cash reserves.

Military spending tied to the conflict with Iran could add more to the debt in the months ahead, according to the Bipartisan Policy Center, a nonpartisan Washington think tank that tracks federal spending.

"Our current fiscal trajectory is plainly unsustainable, and that's the best-case scenario," BPC president and CEO Margaret Spellings said in a statement. "AI disruption, a recession, global war, or any number of other events could quickly push us over the edge from a challenge into a full-blown crisis. Even in the rosiest scenarios, we're speeding toward a cliff and refusing to turn the wheel."

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The U.S. Capitol in 2025. This year, annual interest payments on the debt are projected to top $1 trillion, according to the CBO.

In an email, White House spokesman Kush Desai said that "the Trump administration remains focused on slashing waste, fraud, and abuse across the federal government while accelerating economic growth, policies that will get America's debt-to-GDP ratio trending in the right direction."

So far, Washington lawmakers have raised or suspended the debt limit every time it has been reached, but often after dramatic, deadline-pushing partisan battles. Even these near misses have rattled markets and carried a price: Standard & Poor's, Fitch and Moody's have each downgraded the credit rating of U.S. government debt since 2011, moves tied at least partly to debt ceiling brinkmanship.

Congress last raised the debt limit in quieter fashion, adding $5 trillion to the debt ceiling as part of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, the Republicans' marquee tax and spending law. Measures to raise the debt ceiling often include spending cuts aimed at reducing the annual budget deficit. But the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, which Trump signed in July 2025, did the opposite: That law added $4.7 trillion to projected deficits over the next decade, according to CBO estimates.

According to preliminary projections by the BPC, Washington is on track to next hit the debt limit between late winter and midsummer 2027. Based on the latest borrowing figures, the center's estimate is "trending toward the earlier end" of that range, Shai Akabas, the center's vice president of economic policy, said in a statement.

Hitting the debt ceiling would not by itself trigger a default. Once the borrowing limit is reached, Treasury can pay bills by drawing on its cash reserves and using stopgap accounting maneuvers known as "extraordinary measures," which typically buy another six to nine months, according to the BPC. Only after that runs out does the government reach what's known as the X-date, when the Treasury risks running out of cash and defaulting on its obligations.

If Republicans lose one or both chambers of Congress in the Nov. 3 midterm elections, they could attempt to raise the debt limit in the lame-duck period during November and December — before the new Congress is seated in January. Otherwise, they could be forced to make policy concessions to Democrats that Republicans — and the White House — would prefer not to make.

But raising the debt ceiling could prove challenging even under total GOP control. Especially in the House, where the GOP holds a slim majority, party leaders would be forced to win over their fiscal hawks, who have previously revolted when a debt ceiling increase was not accompanied by an agreement to cut spending.

"You have to raise the debt limit just the same way that you have to pay your credit card bill," said Marc Goldwein, senior policy director for the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, a nonpartisan group focused on deficit reduction. It reflects spending choices you've already made, he said. "But if you keep getting credit card bills that are more than you can afford, it's probably a good time to reassess how much you're spending, or to get a second job, right?"

Annual interest payments on the debt now consume about 19 percent of federal revenue, according to the Peter G. Peterson Foundation, a nonpartisan group that tracks the debt and advocates for fiscal discipline, and are projected to climb to 26 percent by 2036.

"Interest costs are paying for your past, not paying for your future," said Peterson Foundation chief executive Michael Peterson, and unfairly burden future generations.

"It's immoral to, year after year, trillion after trillion, just keep borrowing the money, not paying your bills for immediate consumption and deferring not only the principal balance but the interest costs onto our kids and grandkids," he said.

Peterson pointed to Social Security as a preview of what happens when Washington puts off big problems: Unless Congress acts, the program's trust fund is projected to become insolvent in 2032, triggering an automatic 22 percent cut in benefits.

"Can a democracy that's run by all of us collectively make tough decisions to sacrifice in the short term for long-term benefit?" Peterson said. "The political system hasn't risen to this challenge in recent decades."

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WEDNESDAY OPINION

The Houthis are building a new kind of sea power

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A composite satellite image of smoke rising in Jizan province in Saudi Arabia on July 25.

BY ELISE LABOTT

Last month, Yemen's Houthi militia declared a maritime blockade of Saudi Arabia. Saudi tankers in the Red Sea rerouted north to Yanbu, and earlier this month, the group's attacks reached them there.

But Yanbu isn't just another Saudi port. It is the kingdom's insurance policy: the terminus of a pipeline that carries Saudi crude to world markets without ever touching the Strait of Hormuz. That route now carries more than 80 percent of the kingdom's roughly 4.6 million barrels of daily exports, and Riyadh is working to link other Gulf oil producers to the same line. Shippers have already fled both routes — proof that the Houthis are central to Iran's ability to weaponize the global economy, even as Washington struggles to keep up.

Globalization depends on a small number of choke points — Hormuz, Bab el-Mandeb, Suez, Panama Canal, the Taiwan Strait — and none of them need to be seized to become leverage. Washington long assumed that if these vulnerabilities were weaponized, it would be by China or Russia. Instead, the Houthis got there first. Washington is still treating them as a military threat and missing their strategic evolution — under the mistaken assumption that insurgent groups don't develop interests of their own, or the patience to act on them.

Before the war, Hormuz carried 130 to 140 ships a day; on Aug. 11, traffic fell to eight, according to Reuters. Bab el-Mandeb traffic fell from 20 ships to one. Days earlier, the Houthis had struck Red Sea facilities owned by Aramco, Saudi Arabia's state-owned oil company; striking Yanbu itself underlined the point. An informal understanding sparing Saudi ships has technically held since shortly after Oct. 7, 2023. But Houthi spokesman Yahya Saree now says operations against Saudi shipping will "continue and escalate."

The Houthis inserted themselves into this war at the moment their leverage was greatest, but aimed most of it at Saudi Arabia, not the United States or Israel — a deliberate choice that keeps the fight contained to a war they believe they can win.

April Longley Alley of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy told me the timing reflects both Saudi Arabia's new vulnerability and the Houthis' own ambitions: With the peace process stalled, they see a chance to press Riyadh for concessions that would help them consolidate control at home and expand their reach beyond Yemen. "They know they have a strong hand to play," Alley said, "so they're going to see how much they can get."

Gregory Johnsen, a nonresident fellow at the Arab Gulf States Institute who tracked Iranian arms shipments to the group on the U.N. Security Council's Yemen panel, told me he considers the Houthis "more of a junior partner" to Iran, rather than a proxy. The distinction comes down to agency — Iranian support has expanded Houthi capabilities dramatically without ever buying control over their decisions. Years of war built a self-sufficiency the rest of Iran's network never achieved: their own weapons production, command structures and political relationships, negotiating directly with Saudi Arabia and even Washington when it served their interests.

Hezbollah was long regarded as Iran's most capable surrogate, largely on the strength of its arsenal. That's no longer the only measure of influence: The Houthis command one of the world's busiest maritime corridors, and geography can matter as much as firepower. The longer route around the Cape of Good Hope adds more than a week to each voyage, so the same ships can complete fewer trips — effectively shrinking global container shipping capacity by 15 to 20 percent, without a single vessel being taken out of service. Suez Canal tonnage, meanwhile, last year remained roughly 70 percent below levels from before late 2023, when the Houthis began attacking Israel-linked shipping in the Red Sea in solidarity with Gaza. All this was achieved by a group with no navy.

It's a bitter pill for Riyadh. Saudi Arabia fought the Houthis for nearly a decade, and criticism of the civilian toll helped end that war in 2022 with the group still standing. Some officials gripe privately that had Riyadh finished it, the Houthis wouldn't pose the same threat today.

Saudi Arabia wants to finally break that leverage and strip away one of Iran's last functioning sources of regional power. But Riyadh can't do it alone. It's playing this quietly and publicly at once: funding and pushing Yemen's fractured anti-Houthi forces toward a ground offensive the kingdom won't lead while at the same time assembling a multinational maritime coalition to secure passage through the Red Sea. Washington has made clear to Riyadh that it sees Iran as the central threat and doesn't yet consider the Red Sea a priority. By the time that changes, the Houthis may have made it one — and this time, there won't be a backup plan.

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Lincoln wasn't seen as president material. Then Harpers Ferry happened.

BY JONATHAN EARLE

When the abolitionist John Brown raided the sleeping Virginia town of Harpers Ferry in October 1859, he intended to arm the region's enslaved people and start an insurrectionary war in the South. The raid was a catastrophic failure. It ended barely 36 hours after it began and left 10 of the 21 men who joined Brown dead, including two of his own sons. Another six — and Brown himself — were tried and executed by the state of Virginia.

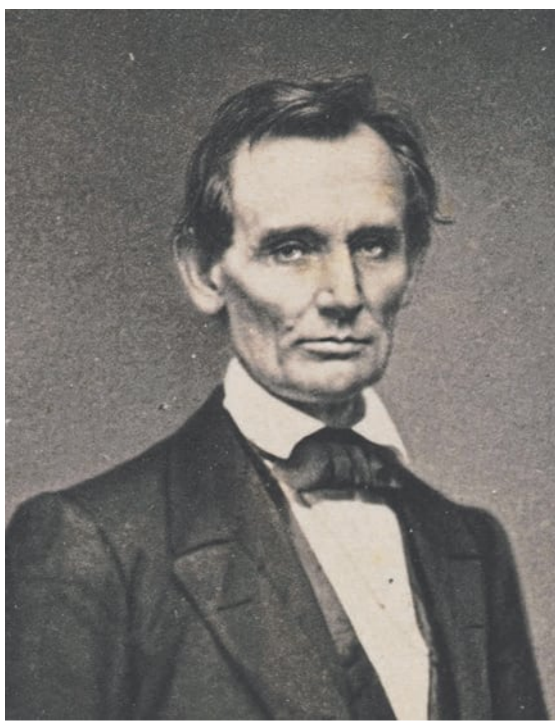
The raid also seismically altered the presidential election that was on the horizon in 1860. Indeed, it helped get Abraham Lincoln elected.

Before the raid, Republicans were confident, bordering on cocky, about their fortunes in 1860. True, the party had existed for only five years, but already it stood poised to take control of the House of Representatives by appealing to Northerners hostile to slavery and its expansion. The party also reflected an expanding electorate by advocating for pro-growth economic measures such as more railroads and free homesteads.

But could the new Republican Party win the ultimate political prize? In its first presidential election, 1856, it had come close. Its neophyte candidate, John C. Frémont, won all of the upper North and almost captured Illinois and Indiana. Four years later, leading Republican candidates — such as Sen. William Henry Seward of New York, the presumed standard-bearer; Ohio Gov. Salmon P. Chase; and Lincoln, a lawyer and former one-term congressman who was at the time considered vice-presidential material — felt confident of a Republican victory in November.

The likeliest Democratic candidate, Sen. Stephen A. Douglas of Illinois, had staked his political future on the concept of "popular sovereignty": letting a new territory's residents choose whether to allow slavery. But this moderate-sounding idea opened millions of acres of land, previously closed to slavery, to settlement by enslavers and their human property. The stance was enough to help Douglas eke out a narrow victory against Lincoln for a U.S. Senate seat in 1858, but it left him vulnerable nationally, both to committed antislavery voters and to Southern Democrats who wanted slavery in every state.

Brown's attack on Harpers Ferry made Southerners question whether the popular sovereignty espoused by Douglas was a strong enough position to guarantee slavery's existence in hostile places. At the same time, the specter of slave insurrection, disunion and even race war made moderate Republicans doubt whether antislavery candidates like Seward and Chase could be successful in the lower North and Midwest, where opposition to the institution was weaker — and where the party needed to improve on its 1856 totals. The compromise politics of the previous decade had crumbled.



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Abraham Lincoln in New York on Feb. 27, 1860.

"The old idiot," wrote one Republican newspaper editor of Brown. "The quicker they hang him and get him out of the way, the better. … We are damnably exercised here about the effect of Old Brown's retched *fiasco* … upon the moral health of the Republican Party!" The Baltimore Sun, heretofore the voice of border state moderation, wrote that the South could not afford to "live under a government, the majority of whose subjects or citizens regard John Brown as a martyr and a Christian hero, rather than a murderer and a robber."

In the Deep South, newspapers declared that Brown's actions were the logical outcome of Republican agitation over slavery restriction. Seward rapidly — and unfairly — became the face of Brown's Republican defenders. "Brown may be insane," wrote the Richmond Enquirer, "but there are other criminals, guilty wretches — who instigated the crime perpetrated at Harpers Ferry." The writer meant Seward.

Meanwhile, Northern pro-slavery Democrats worked to persuade the public of a link between Brown and the Republican Party. In November 1859, one group held a convention where speakers vied with one another to make the strongest claims about Brown's supposed Republicanism. (In fact, Brown was critical of organized political parties and barely voted.) "The principle on which John Brown and his allies acted is the same which has been proclaimed by the leaders of the Republican Party," said one speaker. Brown's actions were "the misguided, guilty tools of more subtle and dangerous men."

What could Seward do? He repeatedly distanced himself from Brown and denounced the raid. He and his allies made speeches and wrote editorials bending over backward to reassure the South.

But even before Brown was executed in Charles Town, Virginia, on Dec. 2, it was becoming clear that the candidates who had seemed best positioned to win their parties' nominations before the raid — the Northeastern Seward wing of the Republican Party and Douglas's popular sovereignty Democrats — were in line to pay the steepest political price for Brown's actions.

One observer recalled that he "had a very strong belief" in Seward's nomination "till since Mr. Brown visited Virginia. That little incident has thrown a new cloud over the presidential talk."

The biggest beneficiary of Brown's raid proved to be Lincoln, whose origins in a border state — Kentucky — and more moderate professed views on slavery reassured voters who worried about Seward's supposed radicalism.

Lincoln, an ambitious politician, chose a savvy way to capitalize on Seward's misfortune: He decided to clothe himself in the founders' views on slavery and its expansion. He spent the winter of 1859-60 researching and writing an address to deliver at New York's Cooper Union in February, in which he argued that the men who crafted the U.S. Constitution and the 1787 Northwest Ordinance — which forbade slavery in the territory that eventually became Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin — would have approved barring slavery from federal territories.

The speech satisfied moderate Republican demands for no new slave states, while the clever use of history helped Lincoln avoid being seen as radical. That day, he established himself as a national political figure and a contender for the top spot on the party's ticket. Lincoln biographer David Donald notes that the Cooper Union address, delivered in Seward's home state and in a city abundant with newspapers, transformed Lincoln's reputation from that of a "crude frontiersman" to the new face of a rising Republican Party.

Brown's failed insurrection heralded a new majority, based in the North, with enough electoral votes to win the White House. This majority demanded a stop to slavery's advance but also sought out a new face to manage the crisis of Brown's raid. On the day of the Cooper Union address, photographer Mathew Brady captured that face in a now-famous image: It was Abraham Lincoln.

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Why tools to detect AI-generated text are doomed

BY ADAM ALEKSIC

As more of the internet is saturated with artificially generated writing, people are turning to artificial intelligence detection tools promising to verify human-written text. But human language is converging with machine language, meaning that these services will get less reliable over time.

AI companies say the detection tools are very reliable — at least in their controlled testing environments. Though critics question those claims, Substack recently signed a partnership with Pangram, the leader in the detection space, to help "scan for AI text" in certain posts.

The idea behind the software is to use the architecture powering large language models to identify a unique "linguistic fingerprint" behind each LLM. But the models are constantly improving, and there is mounting evidence that regular people are adopting AI linguistic patterns, such as overusing the words "delve" and "meticulous." Assuming this observation holds across other dimensions of language, such as sentence structure, the human and chatbot dialects may continue to converge until they are much harder to distinguish.

A new paper from researchers at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development suggests that as future models are trained on human language imitating that of AI, two possibilities emerge: Either human speech and AI speech progressively assimilate, causing a collapse in any meaningful distinction, or language becomes a contested social signal. This second scenario would essentially be a game of whack-a-mole across the English language, where humans keep coming up with new ways to differentiate themselves from the machines, and then the machines catch on, and then the AI detectors catch on.

If the arms race continues to escalate, AI detectors might accidentally reward those able to participate in the elite countersignaling against large language models. Meanwhile, people with less resources would be left behind. Those less able to understand the current litmus test become vulnerable to false positives, which have the potential to destroy reputations and careers.

To be clear, I think these tools are excellent stopgap solutions while society grapples with the cultural upheavals of AI. But even Pangram CEO Max Spero acknowledged to me that they "don't have a great answer for how data drift is affecting the model."

The company's human-written training set is entirely based on pre-2022 data to avoid cross contamination since ChatGPT became available. In practice, this means that more innocent people will be accused of using AI as time progresses, all while Pangram's accuracy claim, already under fire, becomes less reliable.

Spero assures me that the company will find clean human data to analyze, but this would ironically raise the false *negative* rate, since more people will be talking like AI and the model will associate those features with human authors.

Just as more AI text slips through the cracks, detectors will also be plagued with increasingly sophisticated adversarial tools. New research suggests that when given access to Pangram's API, an adaptive humanizer service can evade detection 76 percent of the time, and models fine-tuned on existing authors' works pass as authentic 97 percent of the time. These advanced loopholes are currently out of scope for the service, meaning that the most malicious actors (such as foreign disinformation accounts) will avoid punishment.

Since there is now a market niche for sophisticated cheating software, I find it probable that such a service will eventually be widely available. Then future AI detection models will be forced to tackle these problems, where they risk accelerating a cat-and-mouse game that penalizes naiveté over anything else.

Between the constantly moving goalposts and the growing difficulty of accurate measurement, care should be taken to avoid conducting baseless witch hunts — particularly while the guiltiest people might go free. Instead, attention should be focused on the structural incentives behind LLM-generated text. Amid the infighting over textual purity, individual users are being blamed for AI slop instead of the social media platforms that motivate its distribution. This prioritizes the symptom over the disease.

The current interlude presents an opportunity to reevaluate human relationships with language, art and knowledge — making sure that the tools employed are in harmony with the way people experience meaning.

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EDITORIALS

How to commemorate Fidel Castro's 100th birthday

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A mural of Fidel Castro on a wall in Havana on Aug. 12.

A SMALL MUSEUM, not far from The Post, is overshadowed by the leviathans of the Smithsonian, but what the institution lacks in size, it makes up for with purpose. The Victims of Communism Museum, in a handsome 1912 Renaissance Revival building across from McPherson Square, is "dedicated to commemorating the more than 100 million people killed by Communism around the world," its website says, "and to those pursuing freedom from totalitarian regimes."

Last week, Cuba's communist government held a weeklong marathon of compulsory public gaiety marking what would have been dictator Fidel Castro's 100th birthday on Aug. 13. But birthday parties, even weeklong ones, are ephemeral affairs; a more substantial tribute would be appropriate for El Comandante and his ruinous legacy.

Given the contemporary fashion for museums establishing branches in other countries — the Guggenheim Bilbao, the Louvre Abu Dhabi — we suggest a new entry: the Victims of Communism Museum Havana.

Many people in Cuba long for freedom from the totalitarian regime that has immiserated the island for 67 years. Cuba will be free one day, the arrival of which the Trump administration is, in its ham-fisted way, trying to hasten. But the human and economic wreckage inflicted on the Cuban people should not be allowed to fade from memory.

The Castro regime survived for decades thanks to the Soviet Union's sharing the meager spoils of its own dilapidated communist system. With the fall of the Soviet Union, Moscow in the early 1990s took its communist client off life support, yet the patient refused to die. The island persists in a vegetative state.

An estimated 1 million Cubans, or about 10 percent of the population, have fled in recent years, spurred by the regime's 2021 crackdown on protests, according to the University of Navarra in Spain. As Post columnist George F. Will noted in these pages in February, "a threadbare geopolitical irrelevancy" once famed for its cigars and sugar now must import tobacco from Spain and sugar from Brazil. Cuba's bartering system with Venezuela — Havana traded its expertise in terrorizing civilian populations for Venezuelan oil — ended with the U.S. extraction of dictator Nicolás Maduro from Caracas last winter and the imposition of an oil blockade.

Now, trash piles up in the streets because garbage trucks have no fuel. But on the bright side, the squalor is at no risk of driving away tourists, who basically quit coming during the pandemic and never returned. Perhaps the charms of sipping a mojito in moldering Old Havana, gazing upon a cowed and fearful citizenry, have waned even for vacationing social-justice warriors.

An abandoned waterfront hotel might make a nice home for our envisioned Victims of Communism Museum Havana, though nothing could top the museum's D.C. headquarters. The building on 15th Street was originally the University Club, its cornerstone laid by President William Howard Taft. A private retreat for Washington's business and political elite might have raised the hackles of long-ago socialists, as it would today, but in one of those delicious ironies of American life, the building was sold in 1936 — to the United Mine Workers of America. No revolución required.

Washington's $40 trillion debt milestone

July's deficit figures reached their highest level since March 2021.

THE NATIONAL DEBT is poised to reach $40 trillion this week, months ahead of Congressional Budget Office projections. This follows the federal government's eye-popping report of a $432 billion deficit for July, the highest monthly level since the coronavirus pandemic. The excuses for this rolling shortfall only highlight the extent to which Washington has lost control of federal spending.

The last time the monthly deficit exceeded July's level was in March 2021, when pandemic relief spending drove the figure to $658 billion. But today, the government is not dealing with the fallout of a historic pandemic, and unemployment is low. The deficit swelled anyway.

The Treasury Department said July's deficit, the fourth highest on record, was inflated by tariff refunds (the Supreme Court ruled the White House's emergency tariffs unlawful in February) as well as the early payment of August benefits, a result of calendar quirks.

But there's no one-off explanation for the overall trajectory bringing U.S. debt to the big 4-0. Net interest paid by the Treasury Department so far this fiscal year totals $931 billion. That's nearly a trillion dollars of taxpayer money spent not on defense or education or scientific research but on servicing the money politicians have already spent.

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The Peter G. Peterson Foundation National Debt Clock in Atlanta on June 12.

Unrestrained pandemic spending, and the round-the-clock money printing that took place to enable it, contributed to the inflation that followed and has still not resolved. It will be nearly impossible for the Federal Reserve to deliver on its mandate to return inflation to 2 percent if the government doesn't rein in its cash flow.

Inflation puts upward pressure on interest rates, which makes government borrowing even less sustainable. If deficits continue on their current trajectory, they will cripple Social Security and Medicare. The latter was the largest expense last month, at $174 billion. The military will also have a harder time addressing its munitions shortfalls absent long-term credible spending guarantees.

Politicians are addicted to making promises that require sources of money they don't have. Their failure to control spending remains one of the biggest threats to the country. If only the $40 trillion milestone could be a wake-up call.

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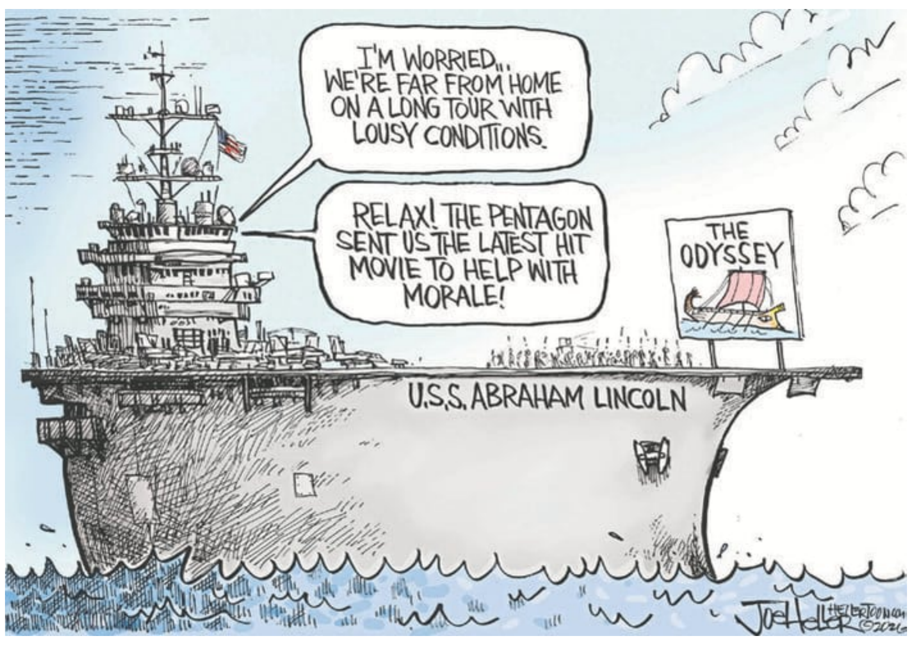
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How to rebuild a superpower's credibility

Fareed Zakaria's Aug. 15 column, "How to squander a superpower's credibility," was spot on in describing how President Donald Trump's vacillating has driven U.S. allies to seek out more reliable partners. The United States' drop in credibility has also emboldened many American adversaries to push ahead with initiatives that would have been unthinkable 10 years ago, the closure of the Strait of Hormuz being the prime example.

Zakaria pointed out that over the past eight decades, the U.S. built up credibility that our allies and adversaries knew would endure from one administration to the next. Zakaria did not include that this consistency was secured by Congress. What is currently lacking today is a Congress that has the backbone to ensure that U.S. commitments given are followed through with.

Allen Benson, *Milton, Delaware*

Fareed Zakaria's Aug. 15 column was excellent. He might have added Ukraine to the list of broken U.S. promises.

In 1991, after the breakup of the Soviet Union, Ukraine found itself with the third-largest nuclear arsenal in the world. The United States and Russia, then led by Boris Yeltsin, convinced it to give up those weapons. Ukraine wisely questioned how it would defend itself without them. In response, the U.S. and Russia gave Ukraine security assurances that they would respect its sovereignty and defend it against aggression. It is doubtful that Ukraine put much weight in Russia's assurances. But the U.S. had the reputation of making assurances that other nations could count on, regardless of who was president. Indeed, the international order constructed after World War II was based largely on reliance on U.S. credibility.

It is amazing how quickly a world order built over decades — one generally successful in securing peace and prosperity — can be destroyed.

Thomas Wilner, *Washington*

What data centers can build

Amber Phillips's Aug. 12 The Fix column, "The data center backlash is building," should have recognized that data centers, when responsibly built and thoughtfully planned, can deliver meaningful benefits to their communities. Data centers present a once-in-a-generation chance to expand tax bases, improve public services and make investments that could benefit residents for decades.

Wells Fargo analysts found that some counties with new data centers are expanding their housing stock by nearly 50 percent and increasing property values by about 14 percent. Data centers are also growing their regional economies by accelerating skilled trade job growth and creating new tax revenue that funds local public services.

Consider Loudoun County in Virginia. CNBC's Sara Eisen reported that data center tax revenue has enabled the government to lower the property tax rate every year for over a decade.

Or look at Richland Parish, Louisiana, where teachers received $50,000 bonus checks due to increased local sales tax revenue from a new data center.

In Quincy, Washington, data center tax revenue now accounts for nearly 60 percent of property taxes, which has allowed the community to build a new hospital, library, police and fire stations, a state-of-the-art $120 million high school and more. And in Ellendale, North Dakota, revenue from data centers enabled the town to pave streets, renovate the senior center and restore its historic opera house.

That does not mean that legitimate concerns should be ignored. But those concerns should be weighed against the transformational scale of the opportunity.

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These tariffs are working

The Aug. 11 editorial "China exports its economic problems to the world" aptly highlighted a problem that the American steel industry and U.S. manufacturers have long decried: China's heavy subsidies fuel a glut of exports that distort global markets.

In a recent position paper, China's Ministry of Commerce denied a link between subsidies and excess manufacturing capacity. However, it is well documented that Beijing is a leading source of overcapacity in the global steel industry. Chinese steel firms in 2024 received 15 times more subsidies relative to their asset size than steel firms in the rest of the world, according to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. A near doubling of China's steel subsidy rate since 2019 has fueled Chinese oversupply and its steel export surge.

This is why the American steel industry strongly supports aggressive enforcement of U.S. trade laws to level the playing field and ensure competitiveness. Section 232 steel tariffs are working to strengthen the domestic steel industry, protect jobs and support America's defense.

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The government's Intel bet was even worse than expected

BY SCOTT LINCICOME

When the Trump administration took a 10 percent stake in semiconductor giant Intel last year, I argued that it was a costly mistake and an affront to American free enterprise. President Donald Trump disagreed. He even took a victory lap in June when Intel's stock rose more than sixfold in the 10 months following the government's intervention.

Look closer, though, and Intel's inflated share price hardly vindicates the administration's purchase. And the grand experiment that Intel kicked off isn't just as bad as I warned. It's worse.

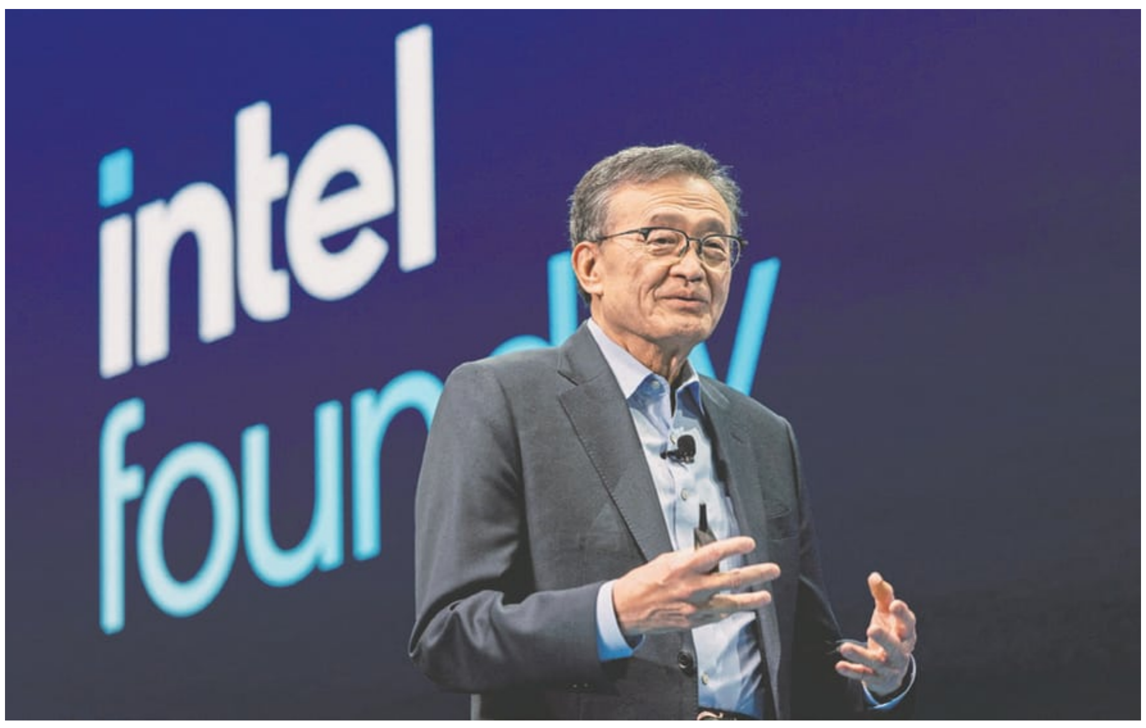
The administration's holdings are growing at breakneck speed. The running tally at the Cato Institute counts 31 government equity deals — spanning companies in steel, critical minerals, semiconductors, nuclear power, rocket motors and quantum computing — enacted by three different federal agencies acting under murky legal authority. The Commerce Department has based more than a dozen semiconductor and quantum computing deals on the Chips and Science Act, which does not expressly authorize federal shareholding. Some of the equity deals appear to have been coerced by the administration — or at least conditioned on the granting of a permit, subsidy or other government privilege. And more stakes are rumored to be on the way. In a single year, Washington went from one position to a diverse and questionable portfolio, with nary a vote from Congress or the American public.

These stakes have already corrupted American businesses. The Trump administration exercised its "golden share" of U.S. Steel last year to prevent the company from shutting down production at an antiquated Illinois plant. And when Apple CEO Tim Cook visited the White House in August 2025 to lobby for a tariff exemption, Trump and Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick reportedly pressured Cook to manufacture Apple's chips using Intel's factories. Apple ultimately received the tariff carveout. Then, 10 months later, Trump announced (and took credit for) a deal between Apple and Intel that reportedly blindsided Intel's own executives.

Nvidia and SpaceX have announced tie-ups of their own with Intel, reportedly under similar pressure from the White House. Japan's SoftBank, meanwhile, invested $2 billion into Intel days after the government's stake was first leaked — in line with the firm's history of splashy spending to curry favor with Washington.

Government favoritism has shown itself in other ways, too. Three months after the Pentagon invested $1 billion into L3Harris's rocket-motor unit, the Trump administration and Lockheed Martin handed the firm two contracts to dramatically expand missile propulsion systems — arrangements L3Harris described as its largest to date. Critical minerals firm MP Materials received the administration's very first equity stake in July 2025 and signed a contract with the government that guaranteed mineral purchases at a price floor well above the market rate.

The deals have also invited cronyism. The Pentagon's Office of Strategic Capital, with as much as $200 billion in lending capacity, is run by a former Cerberus Capital Management executive whose old firm invests in the same industries. One beneficiary, Vulcan Elements, is backed by Donald Trump Jr.'s venture capital firm. Lutnick's former investment firm is connected to USA Rare Earth, which is now partially state-owned. And the president himself has disclosed myriad stock trades involving Intel and other companies either with government ownership or in the state-backed firms' close orbit.



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Intel CEO Lip-Bu Tan at a conference in San Jose, California, last year.

These are just the *seen* costs; the unseen ones are bigger. As expected, speculators are investing billions of dollars in companies based on perceived political momentum, rather than the companies' actual performance or promise. According to a Cato Institute analysis, if Intel's share price had followed the growth rate of the broader semiconductor industry over the past year, its market capitalization would have been $268 billion less than it is now. Not all these billions reflect an unearned political premium — Intel CEO Lip-Bu Tan's turnaround plan has borne some fruit — but a good chunk of them surely do. The company's linchpin foundry business is still hemorrhaging money, and Trump's announcement of the still-unconfirmed Apple deal alone inflated Intel's market cap by tens of billions in a single day.

This textbook capital misallocation has spread beyond Intel. Hedge funds are reportedly betting against MP Materials and other U.S. critical minerals companies because their stocks seem to be growing based on political "rhetoric," not "economic substance." Other investors have openly begun pricing stocks based on the firms' coziness with Trump. All these dollars are finite capital that cannot go to other, more deserving American companies — and that means lower growth down the road.

Any taxpayer gain from the government's investments, meanwhile, is an illusion twice over. First, profits are realized only if the government sells, an unlikely move because private investors would abandon the firms, too. Second, the government's windfall is so far driven by just Intel. Strip it out, and the picks have returned little. Several of them, in fact, traded *lower* in early August than when the government bought in. Even Intel's premium is not guaranteed: The stock dropped almost 40 percent from June to August, as investors questioned both the artificial intelligence boom and the company's turnaround. Unsurprisingly, Trump didn't brag about that.

These are the most serious problems from the Intel deal, but there are others. A government investment signals that unbacked rivals are riskier bets, raising their cost of capital and creating an invisible barrier to new ideas and market entrants. Most of the deals are of dubious legality, and there are no rules surrounding what an administration can buy, what information it must disclose, when it can sell or how it reports to Congress. The clearest tell in this regard is that the pending defense policy bill would *only now* explicitly authorize the Pentagon to take ownership stakes, subject to certain guardrails.

This legislative provision gets the solution exactly backward. Instead of authorizing government equity deals, Congress should set hard terms for divestment now, before the government's holdings become a permanent feature of the U.S. economy and a permanent departure from America's free enterprise system. The United States has spent years explaining to the rest of the world that governments make lousy shareholders. It would be a shame to prove it.

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JIM GERAGHTY

U.S. troops are exhausted. The answer isn't to buy a key chain.

You can buy "Support our troops" T-shirts, baseball caps, garden flags, magnets, throw pillows, stickers, key chains and dog toys.

That's all swell, but … what does it mean to actually support the troops? What do they really need?

The aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln and its crew of roughly 5,000 sailors and Marines are on a deployment that began Nov. 21, 2025 — approaching nine months. On July 6, the ship marked its 207th consecutive day at sea, breaking a record set by the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower in 2020.

The Lincoln is finally making its way back to the United States. On Sunday, Adm. Brad Cooper, head of U.S. Central Command, wrote about his weekend visit to the ship in the Wall Street Journal. "The crew is tired," he wrote, "but they continue to fire on all cylinders. History will record this deployment as one of the most operationally intense and consequential of the modern era."

Not every ship sets a record like the Lincoln, but long deployments aren't as rare as they used to be. The USS Gerald R. Ford set the post-Cold War record for longest deployment, with port calls, departing from Norfolk on June 24, 2025, and returning on May 16, 2026, after 326 days — the longest carrier deployment since the Vietnam War.

A standard U.S. Navy aircraft carrier deployment typically lasts six to seven months. In February, Adm. Daryl Caudle, chief of naval operations, said the Navy's aim is to establish predictable schedules that include a "seven-month deployment."

Last week, the Military Times and Stars and Stripes reported that sailors on the Lincoln were attempting to throw themselves overboard. From the outside, it's hard to tell whether these individuals are extreme outliers or deeply troubling signs of a ship, and a larger Navy, under the intense strain of being asked to do far too much with far too little for far too long.

During a press availability, Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth declared that the reports were "completely misrepresented. Listen, we make sure that every ship, every crew, every captain has everything we can provide them at every single moment. Some deployments are longer than others, and I have more respect and gratitude for those sailors than anybody."

Friday, President Donald Trump responded to questions from reporters about the long deployment and sailors' conditions with all the grace and empathy we've come to expect from him.

Q: Family members of U.S. service members are concerned about the conditions on board the USS Lincoln.

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An F-35C Lightning II prepares to launch from the USS Abraham Lincoln on March 2.

Trump: Well, no, that ship is moving. No, they're not. That ship is moving right now, or very shortly, and it's being replaced with another very similar ship.

Q: Have deployments gone on too long? Are you worried about the mental health?

Trump: No, not nearly long enough.

In March, the Government Accountability Office released a new report concluding that "U.S. military readiness has been degraded over the last 2 decades due to a variety of challenges, including maintaining existing systems while acquiring new capabilities."

Very few people in Washington pay much attention to 65-page GAO reports, and the GAO's methods leave no stone unturned. But the report — designed to focus on problems — paints a pretty grim picture of the conditions our armed forces deal with: short-staffed ships, insufficient training, "poor living conditions in some military barracks — such as the presence of mold, broken fire alarm systems, and extreme temperature" and non-combat accidents attributable in part to "inattention, lapses in supervision, and not following procedures."

In 2024, the GAO reported that "for over a decade, DOD surveys have found that the majority of service members report sleeping 6 or fewer hours per night." According to the current report, "The Navy also cited fatigue as a factor in recent investigations into the loss of an F/A-18 Super Hornet and a collision between aircraft carrier USS *Harry S. Truman* and a merchant ship in 2025. The Navy's investigation into the *Truman* collision, in particular, cited fatigue as a key factor … and cited ship personnel who described a 'just get it done' atmosphere aboard the carrier. While no sailors were injured or killed …, the carrier experienced considerable damage, and the Navy relieved the *Truman*'s commanding officer following the incident."

Every GAO report includes tall stacks of recommendations, and according to that March report, some have been adopted while others have not. But judging by the reports coming from the Lincoln and the pattern of longer deployments, the basic problem of exhausted, overstretched soldiers and sailors persists.

It's easy to look at a Pentagon budget of nearly $1 trillion for the current fiscal year and a proposed $1.5 trillion for the next and assume that the U.S. military has all the resources it could ever need. Alas, that is not the case. Our troops deserve funding, but they also need a realistic operations tempo — a pace shaped in large part by the decisions of whoever is sitting behind the Resolute Desk in the Oval Office.

It would probably mean more to the troops than a throw pillow on your couch.

Western democracies keep chewing through leaders

BY JEREMY HUNT

Britain has its fifth leader in less than five years. Though the Labour Party has overtaken Reform UK in several polls, early tremors in the bond market, driven by uncertainties over Prime Minister Andy Burnham's agenda, could well lead to more political instability. Has Britain "gone Italian" just as Italy throws off its habit of revolving-door prime ministers under Giorgia Meloni?

In fact, Britain's political instability is far from unique. It is experiencing the same forces destabilizing governments across Europe.

As in many European countries, Britain's two-party system has fragmented. It is now a five-party (or, in Scotland and Wales, six-party) system. In the 2024 election, just 57.4 percent voted for Labour or the Conservatives, the lowest combined share in modern history. That happened partly because the old class system, which used to be a safe predictor of voting habits, has eroded. Brexit then caused further upheaval, detaching Labour from its working-class base. At the same time, British voters have become more volatile, with over 40 percent changing who they supported between the 2019 and 2024 general elections — an astonishing figure.

But even countries without a traditional two-party system have been dealing with another challenge: the rise of populist parties. They have grown in strength by channeling legitimate grievances about uncontrolled migration or the unequal distribution of opportunity. But it is their mastery of social media that has made them a big threat to mainstream parties. Fear of Reform Party leader Nigel Farage was one of the biggest reasons Labour members of Parliament chose to remove Prime Minister Keir Starmer.

When it comes to social media, maybe mainstream politicians should take a leaf out of President Donald Trump's book. I remember being sent to Stansted Airport to greet him on his first state visit to Britain in 2019. We waited for the doors of Air Force One to open. Eventually, after what seemed like an eternity, the president emerged. And the cause of the delay? He was engaging in a Twitter war with Sadiq Khan, the mayor of London. At the time, I thought it was all rather ridiculous. But the three hours he reportedly spent every day of his first term on TV or social media is a formidable part of his armory. No other leader I have met puts such effort into talking to voters even outside campaigns. But putting effort into communication is only the start.

I have worked closely with four prime ministers and concluded that there are three key qualities necessary for effective leadership in a democracy. Firstly, you need to be able to persuade people of the need for change. In Britain, Margaret Thatcher persuaded us (or enough of us) that we needed to embrace enterprise and hard work. Tony Blair persuaded the Labour Party to drop Clause IV of its constitution, which committed it to state ownership. David Cameron persuaded the country of the need to cut the deficit in public finances after the global financial crisis.

> *Britain is experiencing the same forces destabilizing governments across Europe.*

Today, the central argument the new prime minister needs to make concerns the necessity of reining in Britain's ever-expanding welfare state. It costs taxpayers a huge amount of money and keeps too many people out of the labor market. In his first major interview in office, Burnham said that the country has "got to get really serious" about bringing the welfare bill down. The real test will come in the fall, when two government reviews of disability benefits and youth unemployment deliver their final recommendations and he has to produce a plan.

But effective leadership is about implementation as well as persuasion. President Lyndon B. Johnson passed the 1964 Civil Rights Act and 1965 Voting Rights Act by addressing the desires and vulnerabilities of individual senators, often personally negotiating the deals necessary to get their support. He then put in place the administrative frameworks necessary to make the new laws bite. When politics becomes too presentational, nothing changes — and voters become disillusioned. That's why I hope Burnham will be as focused on administrative competence as on grand statements of hope.

Finally, leaders need to be savvy enough to stay in power. Unlike presidents, British prime ministers can be deposed midterm. They can also be elected for multiple terms. But to do so they need to be sufficiently streetwise — and sometimes ruthless — to survive. Durability is not just about political self-interest; it is necessary if any fundamental changes are to be delivered.

The personality and capability of a leader really matters when it comes to the functioning of a democracy. Americans know this, too, as they confront different — but equally profound — challenges, such as polarization, in the functioning of their democracy. As we think about how to improve the plumbing of our democracies, we should remember what's at stake. The central argument this century will be, once again, between autocracy and democracy.

Free societies need to show they are capable of not just debate but solutions. That means stable, effective governments in which leaders are successfully able to persuade, deliver and survive. If Britain and the United States, two of the world's leading democracies, can't figure out how to do that, other countries will look elsewhere for the answer.

Jeremy Hunt served as Britain's foreign secretary from 2018 to 2019 and chancellor of the exchequer from 2022 to 2024.

Pentagon weighing smaller U.S. military presence in Gulf

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AL UDEID AIR BASE, QATAR

ALEX BRANDON/AP

President Donald Trump during a trip to al-Udeid Air Base in Qatar on May 15.

U.S. Central Command, which runs U.S. military operations in the Middle East, normally stations about 40,000 troops across almost 20 sites in a 1,500-mile arc from Jordan to Oman.

Since early this year, the military has surged warships, fighters, air defense assets and other scarce military equipment to the region to defend U.S. forces and carry out more than 13,000 strikes against Iran.

America's largest and most permanent bases in the Middle East are in the Persian Gulf, where Bahrain hosts the headquarters of the U.S. Fifth Fleet and where other states, such as Kuwait, house Army and Air Force assets.

Allies in the Gulf have for decades depended on U.S. forces for their defense. Any regional drawdown could leave states unable to defend themselves against Iranian attacks. Investing in domestic capabilities or partnering with other powers to offset the shortfall could take months to years.

People familiar with the Pentagon's analysis said the issue is likely to intensify a debate between camps within the administration that support military interventions and others that have argued the Pentagon should curtail some of its security commitments to refocus on defending the U.S. homeland or deterring more powerful adversaries, like China.

The discussions have also involved Adm. Bradley Cooper, the head of U.S. Central Command, who supports deliberations about potentially moving U.S. troops west from the Persian Gulf, said a U.S. official.

A spokesperson for U.S. Central Command declined to comment.

Before the start of the war in February, U.S. Central Command evacuated many of its bases, judging them too vulnerable to Iranian missile and drone attacks to maintain normal staffing levels. Some of the shifts away from the major Gulf facilities might last after the war, a person familiar with the posture adjustments said.

"Iran thinks we are in the traditional places," the person said, declining to specify the changes so as not to put U.S. service members at risk. "And we are not."

Six U.S. service members were killed in a March strike on Port Shuaiba, a military facility in Kuwait, and more than 200 U.S. facilities have been damaged or destroyed during the conflict, The Washington Post reported in May.

While defending its personnel in the region, the U.S. military has also expended more than 1,000 sophisticated air-defense interceptors, draining the Pentagon's stockpile of Patriot and Terminal High Altitude Area Defense missiles, The Post reported in March.

"The war really did highlight the vulnerability ... of U.S. forces in the region," said Michael Ratney, a former diplomat who served as the U.S. ambassador to Saudi Arabia and the deputy chief of mission in Qatar.

Moving troops and equipment further west to Jordan, Israel or the Red Sea coast of Saudi Arabia could help alleviate some of the pressure, he argued, while noting the added distance wasn't a "perfect solution to this problem."

Iran has already demonstrated it can strike faraway targets in Jordan and Israel. Last month an Iranian attack on Jordan killed four U.S. service members.

Tehran's retaliatory attacks against bases in the Persian Gulf plunged the region into crisis and are stoking frustration among core U.S. allies there, who feel they were not properly consulted by the Trump administration before starting the war.

Allison Minor, who served during the first Trump administration as the director for Arabian Peninsula affairs on the National Security Council, said the Gulf countries could maintain elements of their security partnership with the U.S. — such as arms sales and intelligence sharing — while hosting a smaller troop presence.

"But you need to be discussing all of those comprehensively and not just the question of the sheer number of troops," she said.

The Pentagon has publicly estimated that the war's cost will reach about $37.5 billion by the end of September, but that price tag does not account for the money it will take to rebuild bases in the region.

Jules Hurst III, the Defense Department's comptroller, told the Senate in May that the reconstruction costs were being left out because the administration has not yet decided how it wants to rebuild from the damage.

In April, the center-right American Enterprise Institute estimated it would cost $5 billion to repair the U.S. bases that have been targeted.

Multiple people familiar with the Pentagon's analysis cautioned that any permanent changes to U.S. posture were still distant and would require the approval of senior administration officials.

In June, President Donald Trump signed a preliminary peace deal with Tehran and signaled that the war was coming to a close. The agreement later collapsed, and the two sides have sporadically exchanged strikes in the months since.

A recent policy proposal from Defense Priorities, a think tank that advocates for military restraint, calls for closing U.S. bases in close striking range of Iran's missiles and drones, such as Kuwait. The proposal also calls for moving forces dispersed in the United Arab Emirates, Jordan and Bahrain to more secure facilities such as the Prince Sultan Air Base near Riyadh.

More hawkish voices in Washington have sought to influence the Pentagon's planning by proposing the movement of U.S. troops in the region to Israel. A report by the pro-Israel group Jewish Institute for National Security of America in March called for more U.S. military assets to be moved to Israel's Ovda Airbase.

This winter, in the run-up to Operation Epic Fury, Washington sent F-22 Raptor fighter jets to the base in a sign of deepening U.S.-Israel military relations.

There is disagreement within the Trump administration over that recommendation given concerns that an expanded U.S. presence there could pose a counterintelligence vulnerability amid the Pentagon's growing concern about Israeli espionage.

Also, the office of Undersecretary of Defense for Policy Elbridge Colby has launched a public review of America's military presence in NATO, after the Trump administration announced it was pulling thousands of troops out of Germany and Poland. The study is set to conclude in December.

Tara Copp contributed to this report.

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Trump and first lady Melania Trump in Dover, Delaware, on March 7, as a U.S. Army team moves a flag-draped transfer case.

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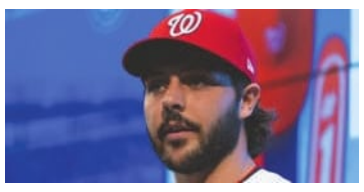
Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the Pentagon on Feb. 5, weeks before the war's start.



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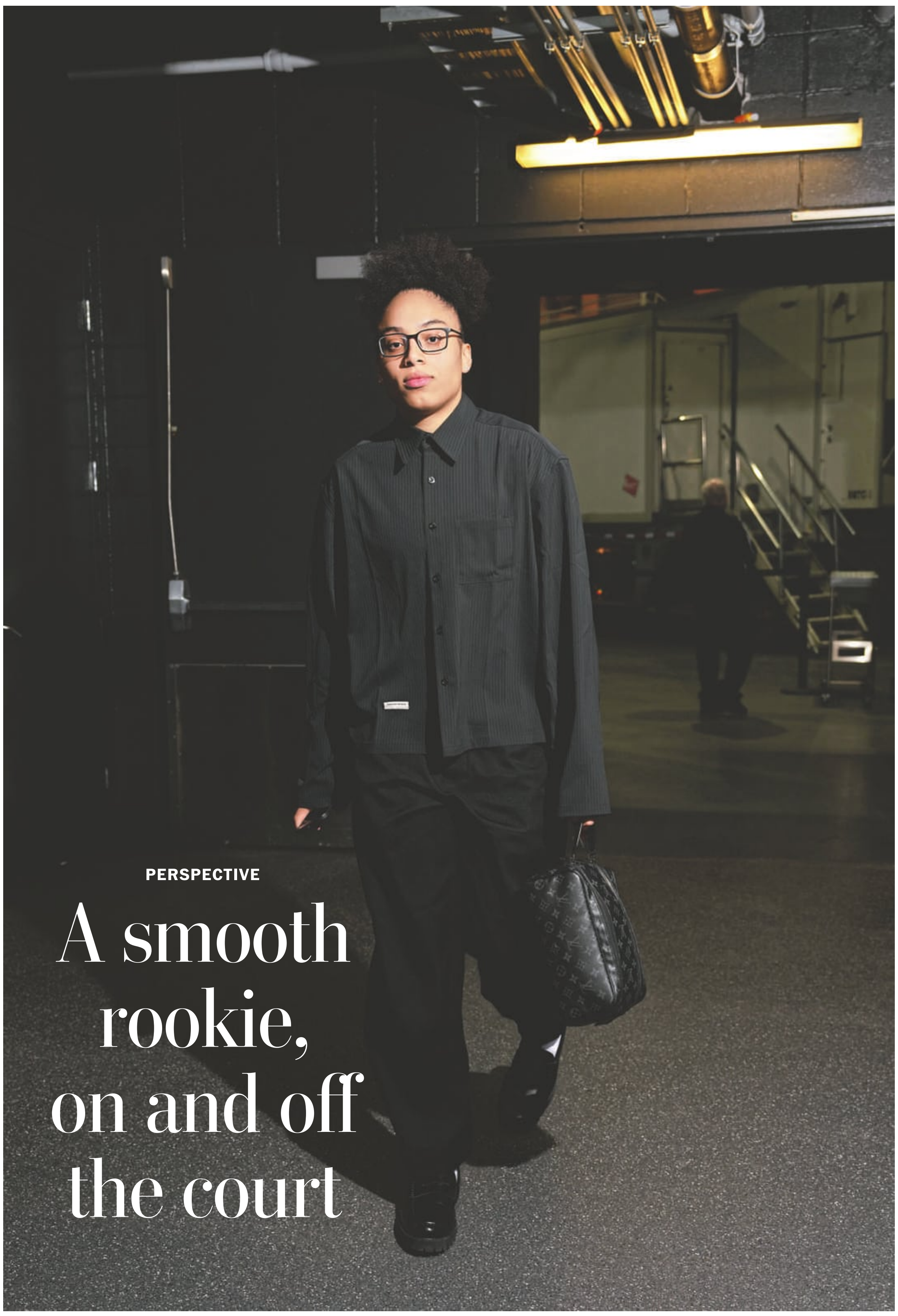

PERSPECTIVE

A smooth rookie, on and off the court

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Olivia Miles arrives for a WNBA game in Minneapolis in May. Miles tends to favor subtly regal sportswear designs.

Olivia Miles, the Minnesota Lynx's breakout star, dresses with certainty and savoir faire

BY ASHLEY FETTERS MALOY

Over the past few years, the glamour of the WNBA draft has escalated accordingly with the league's popularity. No longer a business-casual gathering of what 2012 No. 3 pick Devereaux Peters once described as "some of the most athletic accountants you've ever seen," the draft is now a bona fide gala, complete with gowns and suits, and a red carpet (or, in signature WNBA form, an orange one). Glam squads are hired, designer clothes and handbags are furnished, and some of the most heftily insured ankles in the world wobble around on stiletto heels.

So when Olivia Miles, coming off of a stellar college basketball career at Notre Dame and Texas Christian University, made her debut on the WNBA's orange carpet this spring, makeup-free in a bomber jacket, slacks and loafers, she stood out. And not everyone appreciated it right away. "Miles just came from the gym," one observer joked on Reddit.

But it was when Miles, 23, took the stage in a rare *second* draft-night outfit — oozing gravitas as she officially joined the Minnesota Lynx in an oversize suit of green trousers and a black blazer, with a sharp purple striped tie and wallet chain — that I and surely many others clocked what was actually going on here. All the impressive women of the 2026 draft class looked great, but Olivia Miles looked *cool.*

Miles needed only half of the 2026 season to establish herself as the breakout star of the year, dazzling fans with her no-look passes and scoop layups, and

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TV REVIEW

A bright spot in the superhero realm

BY ROBERT LLOYD
Los Angeles Times

For all their vaunted power, superheroes are at the mercy of the people who write them, draw them, play them on the screen, and by extension the producers and executives who decide what should go where and for how much. Sort of powerless, really.

Sometimes this combination of forces works out well for the hero, and sometimes not so much. The Green Lantern, a secondary figure in the DC Comics pantheon, had the ill luck to be trapped in a 2011 Ryan Reynolds film even its director didn't like. Fifteen years later, he has had the very good fortune to be played by Kyle Chandler, and additionally to star in a television series — "Lanterns," premiering Sunday on HBO — rather than a theatrical feature, with its investment in noisy set pieces and earth-shaking battles royale.

I've often championed the supposedly humbler medium as the best place to tell these stories, with the time to investigate character, in all its shadings and ambiguities, and a haven for concepts too quirky or niche or . . . conceptual for conservative big-budget theatrical IP exploitation. And here again, I have been proved right.

Creators Damon Lindelof ("Lost," "Watchmen" and, best of all, "Mrs. Davis"), comic book writer Tom King and Chris Mundy, who wrote for "Criminal Minds," "Ozark" and "Bloodline" (in which Chandler starred), have expressly looked to television for inspiration — specifically to "True Detective" (on which Mundy worked), with its uncomfortable partnerships, and "Slow Horses" (for its disreputable hero, I guess), with "Slow Horses" director James Hawes helming the first two episodes. (I detect a hint of "Fargo" as well, for its Midwestern plainscape, dark comedy and bigger-than-life yet somehow ordinary characters.)

"I'm a regular person, like you," Hal Jordan (Chandler) says in a 1996 TV interview that opens the series; indeed, he's only super powerful by reason of the gear that comes with the job, a human "beat cop" working as part of the Green Lantern Corps, an extraterrestrial galactic peacekeeping organization — the special ring and the lantern-shaped gizmo that charges it. It gives him the ability to fly and to manifest objects at will, most often a protective green bubble, but also a bottle opener and a $10 bill. (There's a uniform, but for the most part, he leaves it in the closet.)

Watching that interview is young John Stewart (then a Lantern-obsessed child). We'll meet him again in 2016, played by Aaron Pierre ("The Underground Railroad"), when most of the

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NSO will take season to six venues in D.C. region

BY JONATHAN EDWARDS
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The National Symphony Orchestra unveiled its upcoming classical season Tuesday with a conspicuous absence: The ensemble won't perform at the Kennedy Center, its home for more than a half-century.

The orchestra said that from September to June, it will stage some 60 performances at six venues across the region: Lisner Auditorium at George Washington University, the Lincoln Theatre on U Street, the Music Center at Strathmore in North Bethesda, George Mason University's performing arts center in Fairfax, the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall in Alexandria and the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland.

In an interview, NSO Music Director Gianandrea Noseda acknowledged that it has been challenging to program the season but said that with only a few exceptions, the repertoire for this peripatetic season is the same as he had planned for the orchestra if it was performing at the Kennedy Center.

"I have to give credit to the people of the NSO who really tried to find a solution back in late February and March," he said. "We immediately moved very quickly to find alternative venues and we were in contact with more than the six where we will play. We always found open doors."

The announcement comes amid severe financial turmoil for the orchestra and five days after the Kennedy Center's board of trustees voted a second time to close the performing arts venue for two years of renovations. (The vote revived President Donald Trump's plans for the center, which had been temporarily halted by a judge in May.)

After Trump's surprise announcement about the closure in February, Kennedy Center leaders told the NSO they would continue to fund the orchestra and help it scout new venues.

The timing of the NSO's announcement, less than six weeks before opening night, underscores how far the orchestra's normal scheduling has been thrown off kilter. In line with other major orchestras, the center usually unveils the season in the spring and opens subscription sales by March.

Last year, the NSO announced its season on March 27.

Behind the delay was a budget impasse that paralyzed the orchestra for months. Despite pressure from NSO officials, the center's board of trustees did not approve the NSO's budget for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, the year that covers nearly the entire announced season. Without its usual budget of about $40 million, the orchestra struggled to

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CRAIG HUDSON/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

The National Symphony Orchestra's upcoming season will feature 60 performances on stages in D.C., Maryland and Virginia.

Olivia Miles makes it look easy, both on and off the court

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leading the top-ranked Lynx in assists and points per game at the All-Star break. The rare player to make the WNBA All-Star team in her rookie season, Miles rolled up to that event in a dramatic black pin-striped double-breasted Public School suit, yanked off the runway of the New York label's Fall 2026 menswear collection, according to her stylist, Dianne Garcia. Sophisticated maneuvers, not rookie moves.

Much has already been said, justifiably, about Miles's style on-court. Her distinctive Afro and instantly iconic prescription goggles are as delightful as they are unique, and they make her already mesmerizing feats of shot-making that much more fun to watch. But outside the arena, Miles wears clothes with sophistication, self-possession and the kind of cohesive personal style philosophy that eludes some celebrities for their entire careers. Her outfits are relaxed, but don't be fooled: Her style is anything but sloppy, with as much poise and swagger as her basketball.

We do, though, have to talk first about the goggles.

In the age of LASIK eye surgery and every kind of contact lens, wearing sport safety glasses is, as they say, a *choice*. They're unusual at any level of sports. But to wear Rec Spec-style frames as a pro, in 2026 — a classic of a bygone era of athletes, memorably worn by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Horace Grant and James Worthy — is to nod toward the old-school, a gesture to invoke the greats.

Tennis legend Rafael Nadal wrote in his 2011 memoir that the ritual of putting on his signature headband ahead of a match was a way of marking a mental transition, like putting on armor before charging into battle. I wonder when I watch Miles ceremoniously switch out her everyday frames for her on-court goggles just before tip-off if she's flipping a similar mental switch. The Lynx declined The Washington Post's request for an interview with Miles.

Miles's hair, too, often combed out into a round Afro that bobs around as she weaves between defenders, is a decision made deliberately and with greatness in mind. After catching some criticism for her hairstyle at the WNBA draft, Miles posted a photo to Instagram of herself accepting a Lynx jersey with the caption: "for my fellow black women with natural hair like mine … be you and be free. the beauty that our hair brings is so unique and essential to who we are."

Miles later told the Root, "I've also been inspired by people who have come before me who have broken barriers like Dr. J and Allen Iverson, who wore their hair out being proud of it."

Miles really gets going, though, when she's out of her Lynx uniform. She rarely wavers from her preferred silhouettes — baggy slacks and shorts, boxy shirts and tanks. But she's developed an obvious eye for cool pieces, sporting avant-garde athletic wear from the up-and-coming sport brand Raspberry Hills, jerseys from Chrome Hearts and luxury streetwear labels like Rhude and Ryoko Rain.

"I've noticed since we first began working together that Olivia is drawn to details rather than anything overly loud or overtly trend-driven," Garcia, her stylist, told The Post in an email. "Her off-court style is minimal and intentional, centered on strong silhouettes, subtle design elements, and pieces that let her personality and natural presence lead."

She's been spotted in sneakers from Maison Margiela and tracksuits from Y-3, Adidas's collaboration with the legendary postmodern Japanese designer Yohji Yamamoto. In July, Miles wore a sweatshirt from the prestige Japanese streetwear brand a Bathing Ape into the tunnel in Phoenix before dropping a career-high 33 points on the Mercury.

Like so many American fashion fans, she loves the subtly regal sportswear designs of Willy Chavarria; like 2026's other breakout basketball star Jalen Brunson, she loves an understated Louis Vuitton pouch handbag.

Miles is not, in other words, still searching for an identity or trying to get a proverbial foothold. Not in basketball nor in personal style, as many rookie players (and general-population 23-year-olds) are. She plays with certainty and savoir faire; she gets dressed the same way.

Earlier this month, Miles arrived at the Target Center in Minneapolis for a game against Indianapolis wearing a boxy tee by the emerging streetwear label Blanco Lane with several pairs of eyes printed across the front.

An apt outfit choice for such a game, it turned out, as Miles fended off a formidable challenge from Kelsey Mitchell and the Indiana Fever in what she called her "'Welcome to the W' moment."

All eyes were on Miles, and so they remain: Fans are wearing goggles in her honor, and so are announcers. The double-entendre nickname the Spectacle has started to follow her around as she makes her way into not just the Rookie of the Year conversation but the MVP conversation. Renowned for her supernatural "court vision," Miles clearly has a visionor herself off of it, too.

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Olivia Miles, seen after the Minnesota Lynx's victory against Toronto in July, wears prescription goggles when on the court.

ANGELINA KATSANIS/GETTY IMAGES

Miles wore green striped trousers with a wallet chain and tie at the WNBA draft. At left is Commissioner Cathy Engelbert.

GARY DINEEN/NBAE/GETTY IMAGES

Miles in Chicago, wearing Raspberry Hills' "spliced" red hoodie and track pants from the same brand.

NSO's season will start Sept. 26 with performance of the 'Swan Lake' Suite

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finalize contracts with guest artists and secure outside venues.

Soloists and guest conductors were also remarkably patient given the uncertainty and the lack of a budget, according to Noseda.

"I had phone calls [asking], 'What is going on?', and I said, 'Wait, wait,'" he said. "Even if the situation is difficult, complicated, not one of the guest conductors or soloists pulled out."

The NSO described the displacement as a chance to flex its "expanding reach."

"The NSO Board of Directors is thrilled to guide and support this transformative expansion of our regional and national footprint," NSO board chair Brian Boyle said in a statement. "Our Board members and musicians share the strong conviction that providing the best possible home for the NSO is essential to its artistic future. We look forward to connecting not only with our existing patrons, but also with new audiences around the National Capital Region and across the country."

The NSO's 96th season will start Sept. 26 with Noseda leading a performance of Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake" Suite, Carlos Simon's "Monuments: A Suite for D.C." and Respighi's "La Boutique fantasque," the center said in a news release. It will feature world premieres and co-commissions from composers including Simon, Sarah Kirkland Snider and Joan Tower — as well as guest conductors such as John Adams and Leonard Slatkin, according to the announcement.

The orchestra will also stage annual fan favorites such as Handel's "Messiah," this time at the regional venues.

The NSO will effectively be a touring ensemble, both locally and farther afield, with concerts planned in April in California, Indiana, Missouri, Nevada, and Oklahoma.

"The fact that we are out of the Kennedy Center, to be a touring orchestra, that will help us to reach out with the idea that music should be taken to where people are," Noseda said.

He added there are plans for a European tour and he hopes to take the orchestra to Japan. There are new recordings coming out in October and January, and although the orchestra won't present an opera in concert — the highlight of recent seasons — this year, he expects to continue that tradition in future seasons.

"We have to work very hard to reconnect with people," Noseda said, "because that love and respect is the best marketing."

CRAIG HUDSON/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

The NSO's Gianandrea Noseda says guest soloists and conductors were patient given the uncertainty.

A friend is overburdened by her 39-year-old son who is too anxious to get a job

Asking Eric

R. ERIC THOMAS

Dear Eric: My longtime friend has a 39-year-old son who refuses to look for a job. His last job was seven years ago. His mother found the job for him, but his employer passed away. He is bright, likable, talented, good-looking and in great shape.

His excuses, to name a few: his father died 18 years ago; he has sleep anxiety disorder so he cannot get to job at the required start time; general anxiety.

As a result of his not working and constant need for financial support, his mother is pressured by him to keep him fed and provide a roof over his head. She is miserable with the pressure of this dilemma. She has limited funds and is of retirement age.

I have suggested that she needs to stop supporting him or, at most, supply him with a few months of rent and food with an ultimatum of an end date. I think that there must be professionals that can help this man. This situation seems to have become a real problem.

Can you give my friends (he is my friend also) advice as to how to find such a professional and the tools and steps forward to solve this debilitating problem?

— *Deeply Concerned Friend*

Friend: Your younger friend may believe that the barriers in his life are insurmountable. But that belief is not fact. The longer he stays stuck, the worse he'll make the situation for himself and for his mother.

He doesn't have to solve everything all at once, but he should take one step in the direction of a solution. The first step might be therapy. There are remedies and accommodations for the anxiety. A therapist can help him process and can also help him work up alternatives that meet him where he is. One solution, for instance, might be a remote job with flexible start times. Nothing will seem like a good fit in abstraction; he has to try.

A career counselor can point him to resources and options. He might also consider interning, seeking a mentor, volunteering, or further education. He has to do things that prove to himself and others that he is open to growth.

As to his mother, a clear boundary is necessary. She's doing herself a disservice by putting her financial future in jeopardy. It is a fact of life that he needs an income of some sort; he has to accept that.

Encourage her to come up with a schedule of dates for when certain aspects of her support will end or change. Have her go over it with her son. She can discuss adjustments to it, if she wants, but they have to leave the conversation with the shared agreement that this situation isn't tenable as is, it will not continue, and that he is going to make strides to change.

Dear Eric: A friend of mine cuts my hair. He is a good person and a talented barber, but every time I sit down for a haircut, the conversation quickly turns to religion.

I respect his beliefs and have no problem with people discussing their faith. However, it has reached a point where nearly every haircut becomes a religious discussion. For me, getting a haircut is a chance to relax, unwind, and take a break from the stresses of daily life.

I value our friendship and do not want to hurt his feelings, but I also wish he would understand that I am not always interested in discussing religion while getting my hair cut. Sometimes I would simply prefer a casual conversation or even a few moments of quiet.

How can I respectfully communicate my feelings and set boundaries without damaging our friendship?

— *Hair and Holiness*

Hair: Start by sharing your observation and then share your request. "I noticed that during haircuts the topic of religion often comes up. I respect your beliefs but I'd rather not talk about religion. I enjoy our time together and I appreciate your skill. Would you be willing to talk about other things during haircuts?"

Hopefully, he gets it and agrees. Even though you're friends, you're also a client and one would hope that he'd be able to shift gears when a client lets him know about a preference. Moreover, one would hope that he'd listen to a friend who made a request.

There's a possibility that he pushes back. He may say that religion is important to him and it's what he wants to talk about. There's nothing inherently wrong with wanting to talk about what interests him, in the right context. But that kind of recalcitrance would suggest he's less interested in a conversation and more interested in a captive audience. In that case, for the sake of the friendship, you might want to find another barber.

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Viewers won't be lost if they're unfamiliar with comics

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JOHN JOHNSON/HBO MAX

Kyle Chandler plays Hal Jordan, a human "beat cop" working as part of the Green Lantern Corps, in the HBO series "Lanterns."

action takes place, as a former Marine sniper and art student — human talents that will prove useful — assigned to Hal as a "trainee," ostensibly to provide backup if something happens to him. Hal, after two seemingly successful decades in the job, is unused to the company and suspicious of the arrangement. ("The big blue bosses may think you're hot s--- but you're just a f---ing substitute teacher.") He sets John tests that might kill him, if he is not actually trying to kill him. But he's also the more genial of the two.

Through an agent whose identity the producers are counting as a spoiler — I'm sure I don't know why — Hal receives a message that there's hail in Rushville, Nebraska (i.e., aliens!), at which point he jets off from the taco stand where he's happily been signing autographs and posing for selfies, leaving John to fly there on his own, in the usual way, while the Stooges' "No Fun" plays on the soundtrack.

They arrive, separately, in the aftermath of a high school football game that has left dead bodies on the field. (Hal suspects some sort of alien rumble.) Here we meet Kelly Macdonald, suppressing her Scottish accent as tough but tender Sheriff Kerry, asserting her jurisdictional rights. Hal finds her "something incredible." (John: "I think she hates your guts." Hal: "Yeah, but it's the way she hates them.") Kerry is married to lawyer Billy Macon (Jason Ritter), whose father, William (Garret Dillahunt), is a local bigwig, with a cowboy militia and a wife, Zoe (Poorna Jagannathan), who possibly not coincidentally meets John in a bar.

At 60, Chandler is arguably more attractive than ever, with the sort of seasoning that served James Garner so well as Jim Rockford, TV's greatest detective. Five seasons of "Friday Night Lights" have cemented him in the popular consciousness as a preternaturally decent guy, which allows us to excuse Hal's less creditable moments, or at least to see things through his eyes. Pierre, 32, who competes in Brazilian jiu-jitsu, has the body of a superhero; he plays John wound tight, humorless, grimly ambitious — he grew up letting his father shoot apples off his head to prove his fearlessness, the primary requirement for a Green Lantern — though the character warms up across the course of the season (which also takes place in 2026). The actors are at their best in their scenes together, which the writers make happen even when it seems impossible. (Spoilers, or I'd explain.)

Combining detective work and science fiction is nothing new — see "Sugar," currently; "The X-Files," classically. (And there's an interrogation scene I'm pretty sure nods knowingly to "Blade Runner.") "Lanterns" isn't totally free of clichés, which is practically impossible for sci-fi and crime stories anyway, so many have been told over the years, and to some degree that's just what we come for. But the series is fresh enough in its details and execution, and strong enough in its writing, and so well performed, that it feels quite original.

I watched "Lanterns" without any particular knowledge of the character, who has been around since 1940, and in this particular version since 1959. (I did a little reading afterward.) Happily, the show is not up to its cowl in DC cross-references and crossovers. There are fleeting mentions of Gotham and Metropolis (where Superman works) and Nathan Fillion reprises his bad-hair Green Lantern from the 2025 "Superman" movie (a long story), but "Lanterns" comes equipped with everything you need to know. Bringing in extra mythology wouldn't make the confusing parts any less confusing, and would just confuse the parts that aren't confusing at all. Most every character, whichever side they're on — and it's not always easy to tell, given that the aliens look exactly like the humans — comes with layers.

Did I ever fully understand what these factions were after, or even what exactly the factions were? Nope. Did it matter? Nope.

Lanterns (eight episodes) airs at 9 p.m. Sundays on HBO.

A Chinese animated movie mocked as 'terrible' becomes a box office hit

BY FU TING
Associated Press

The new sensation among some Chinese moviegoers is an animated film whose characters appear to have been created with rudimentary 3D animation and have been described as "ugly" and "eerie."

But it is the scathing online reviews that seem to have prompted interest in "Niu Lai," an animated film about a calf who had a dream about himself growing up with the help of his family, driving a surprising surge at the box office.

The film earned only about 10,000 yuan ($1,480) at the box office in the first 10 days after its Aug. 5 release. On some days, the film took in as little as 200 yuan ($30) at the box office, according to Maoyan, a movie-tracking platform. The figure was exceptionally low, particularly during the competitive summer movie season.

But its box office surged to 8.2 million yuan ($1.2 million) Monday, with nearly 300,000 admissions, according to Maoyan. Its total box office has reached 17.1 million yuan ($2.5 million).

Red Star News, a local news website in Chengdu, reported that the film was made over five years by just two people — director Xin Yumeng and his mother, Sun Lifan. The Associated Press was unable to reach Xin and could not independently verify this.

Posters seen at movie theaters featured a calf, hand-drawn in pen without color, alongside handwritten slogans: "Come on over if you're into the bizarre" and "No refunds."

On Douban, a popular Chinese movie-review platform, viewers piled on with mocking and bewildered comments.

Among the most popular: "unbelievably terrible and eye-opening," "a symbol of the new internet troll culture," and "a must-watch for Chinese stock market investors." The last is a play on the film's name, "Niu Lai," which literally means "the bull is coming" in Chinese — a wish for a bull market.

Comments such as "over nine out of ten," and "awesome and highly recommended" are also among the sarcastic reactions.

"My initial intention has always been to play pranks on my friends," said Du Mingxi, a 19-year-old college student in Shanghai.

"If a friend asks me what I think about the movie, I'd say good and recommend them to watch," he said, adding that he successfully tricked two friends to watch the movie with him. Both found it fun, but one fell asleep during the viewing.

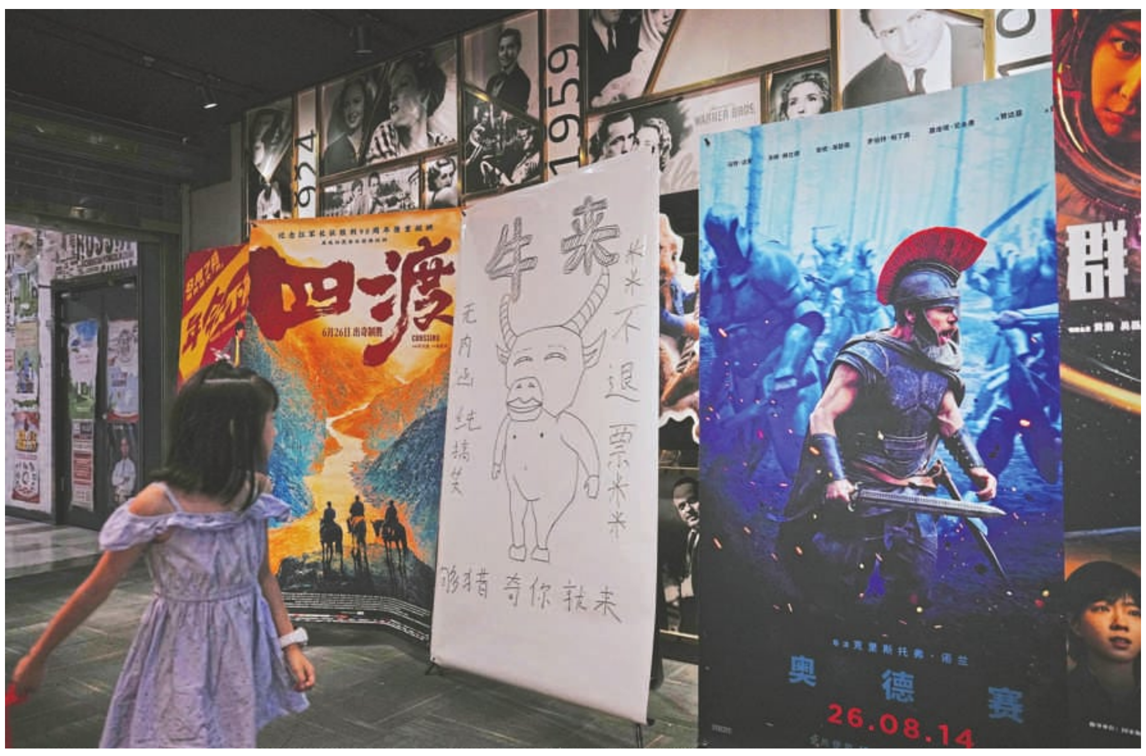
Du compared young people going to the movies to see this kind of film to the mysterious "six-seven" craze in the United States, saying that some are just drawn to things they find weird or funny, with many jumping on a trend whether they get it or not.

"They are just the same, it is funny but hard to describe what's funny about it, and young people just love spreading these memes virally," said Du.

Despite the flood of criticism and memes, some viewers didn't mind the rudimentary production.

Zhong Jiaming, a vocational schoolteacher in Guangzhou, called it a rare find in an era when movies are often "visually exquisite and polished, but their stories can fail to engage."

"This is a movie for the young at heart," said Zhong. "It is simple and honest, like a bedtime story for children."



ANDY WONG/AP

A child looks at a promotional poster for the animated film "Niu Lai" at a theater in Beijing. The film, which has been ridiculed online, had a sluggish start at the box office but has since surged.

After she turned 40, birthdays have been depressing. Readers give advice.

Carolyn Hax

We asked readers to channel their inner Carolyn Hax and answer this question. Some of the best responses are below.

Dear Carolyn: My birthday is tomorrow, and ever since I made 40, I get in a major funk leading up to the day. In theory I don't care about my age; I plan on staying young at heart, trying new things, keeping my body moving, etc., for years to come. I didn't even realize it was tied to my birthday until it happened three years in a row. I accept the down days for what they are — just a temporary roll in the ditch — but wonder if there's a better way to deal with that. This is the first year I've been on meds for my years-long recurring depressive episodes, and it still happened. Yesterday I could barely get out of bed.

In the past I used to treat my birthday as a template for the rest of the year. I'd do things that light me up and make me feel alive. Where did that enthusiasm go?

I admit it has been hard to live the reality of something I've understood only in theory before, that age comes for us all no matter how young at heart we are, that you have to work twice as hard to be half as strong/fast/in shape, and that until the day I die I'm in a race against calcification, mentally and physically. (Cue all the seniors in the chat thinking, "Babygirl, get over yourself; talk to me after you're 70!")

I thank God for life every day, or try to, so I'm embarrassed to fall into self-pity around my birthday. What a cliché! Once the birthday passes, I get over it and move on. But can you help me think of ways to reframe this?

— *Birthday Blues*

Birthday Blues: This might seem counterintuitive, but if your current response is to fear for the future, then it may be time to reflect on your past. Birthdays signify a year around the sun: What have you done during that year? What meals did you savor? What vacations did you enjoy? What friends did you meet? The young experience this more intensely as they build careers and social circles, but it doesn't mean we stop learning and growing as we age. (At least that's the goal.)

Take the time, reread some journal entries and reflect! Birthdays don't have to determine "the template" for the year; they can be a time to luxuriate on the blissful moments we've created for ourselves.

— *Reflect*

Birthday Blues: "This is the first year I've been on meds for my years-long recurring depressive episodes, and it still happened." I don't think this is about your birthday, my friend. Go back to your prescriber, and tell them you weren't able to get out of bed yesterday. If you aren't also in therapy, get a referral, get on a waiting list and go! If you are in therapy but haven't shared how you're really doing, call your therapist today and read them your letter. Effectively treat this as your birthday gift to yourself this year. Go!

— *Check In*

Birthday Blues: I found out around 5:30 one evening that my brother had unexpectedly died. For several weeks after, I found myself feeling hit by a truck every day while making dinner — at about that time. Whether I was thinking about it or not, my brain and body knew, and I got slammed. When I finally realized it was trauma revisiting me, I was able to get past it.

Is there any family history of trauma concerning someone who was 40, or something that happened on a birthday, or around that time of the year? Search your memory banks for something that might be related, and then either witness your grief over it yourself or with a good friend, or have a therapist help you to process it.

— *Deeper*

Birthday Blues: The biggest gift I gave to myself years ago was telling a small group of friends and chosen family that I would really appreciate it if they could organize my birthday meal with them every year. They confirm times that would work with me, and I literally leave everything in their hands from there.

It meant being vulnerable and telling them I felt weird about my birthday. (Thanks, therapy!) The day is rarely fancy, often chaotic and fully wonderful.

— *Lean On*

Birthday Blues: Some single people get bummed on Valentine's Day. Someone who recently lost a parent might be sad on that parent's birthday, Mother's Day or Father's Day. Some people feel down during Christmas season if they no longer share it with the close extended family of their youth. What all these anniversaries have in common is that they call attention to something one is missing or losing.

When you feel sad as your birthday approaches, perhaps instead of lamenting, "What's wrong with me?," look it squarely in the eye: "I feel sad because of my temporarily heightened awareness of the challenges of aging." I'm older than you and can confirm that aging only gets more challenging from here. But I've also lost a lot of friends over the years, so amid these challenges, I feel like the lucky one.

You don't report major health problems, you're grateful for your blessings, you embrace new experiences, and you apparently have a bed comfortable enough to want to stay in when you're feeling down. Enjoy the luxury of having that bed when you're temporarily sad.

— *Everybody Hurts Sometimes*

Every week, we ask online readers to answer a question submitted to Carolyn Hax's live chat or email. New questions are typically posted on Thursdays, with a Monday deadline for submissions. Responses are anonymous unless you choose to identify yourself and are edited for length and clarity.

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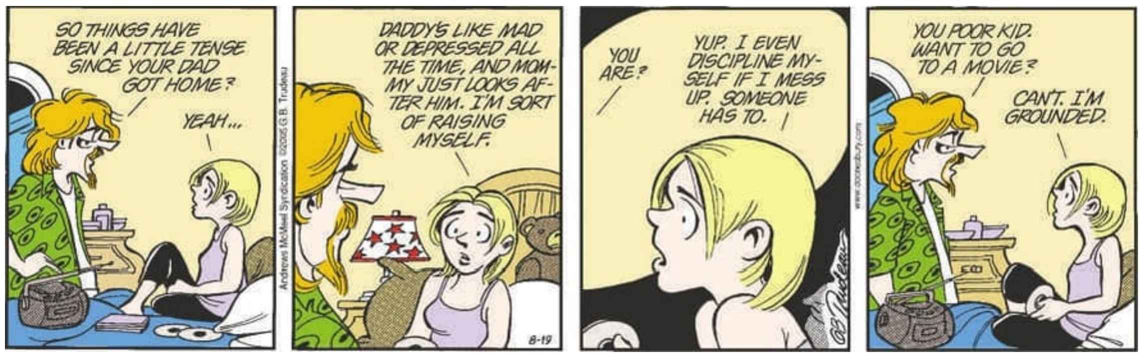
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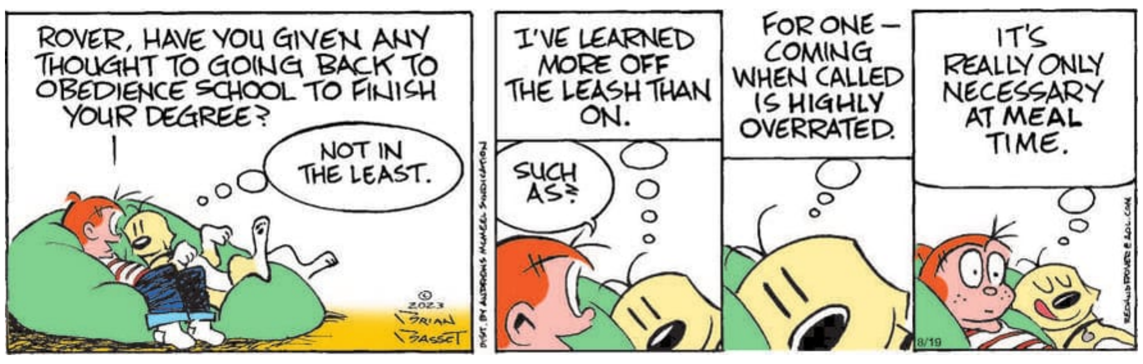
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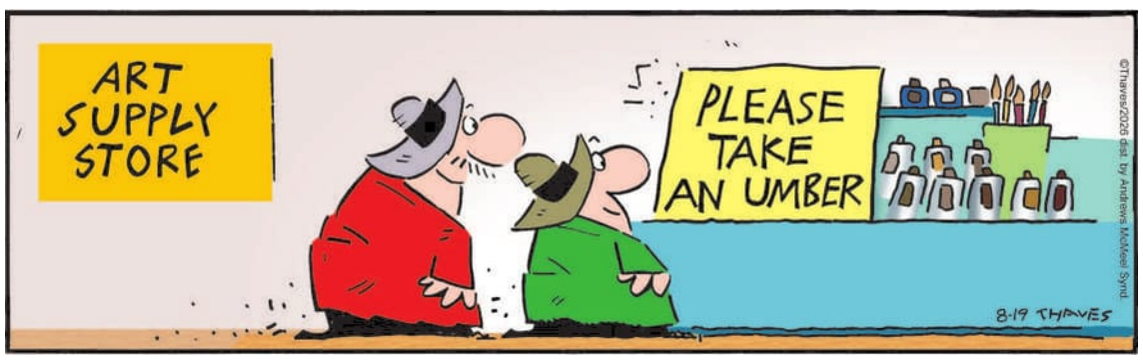
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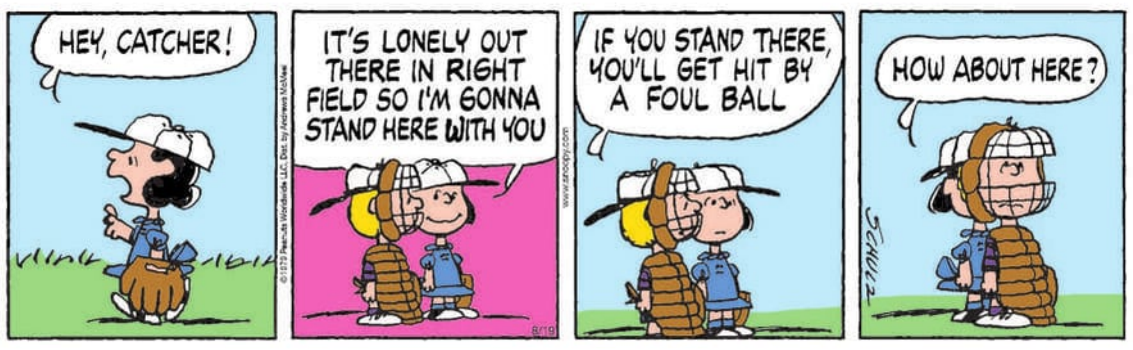
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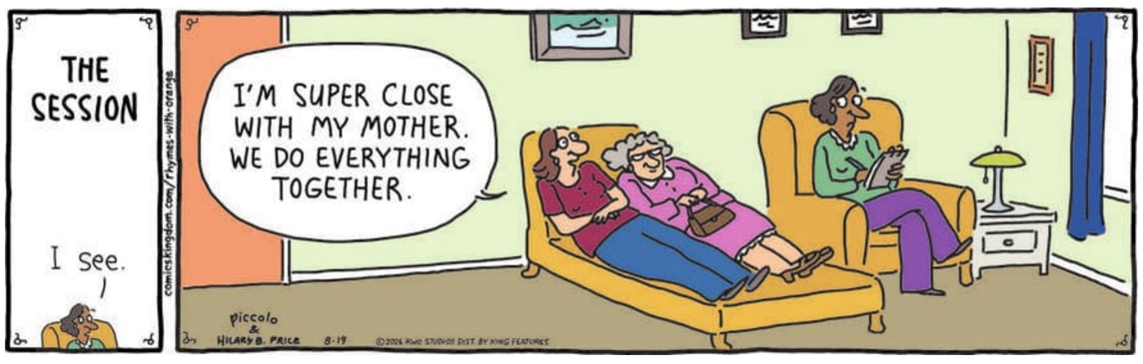
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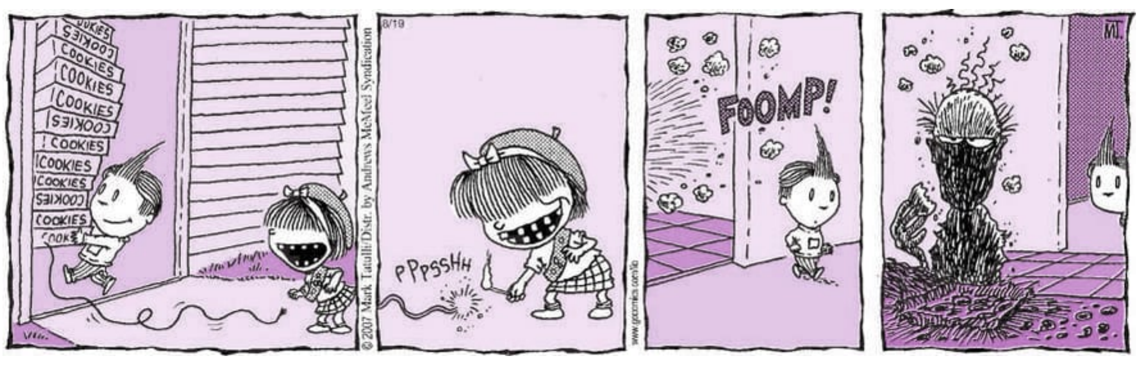
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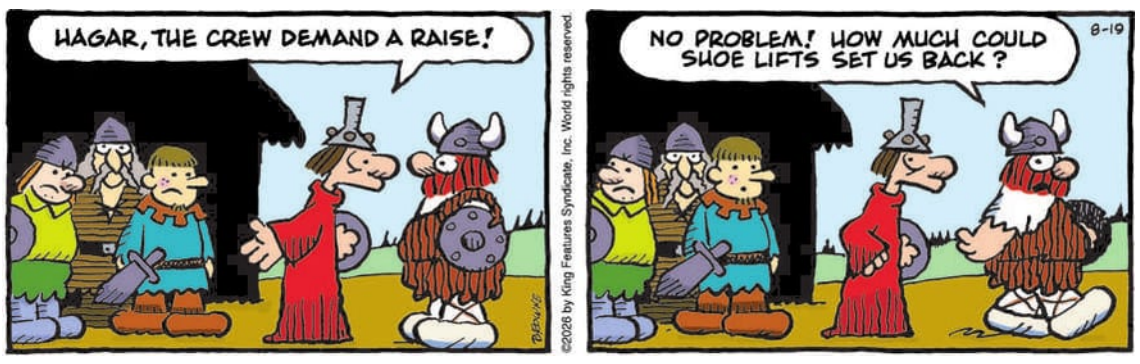
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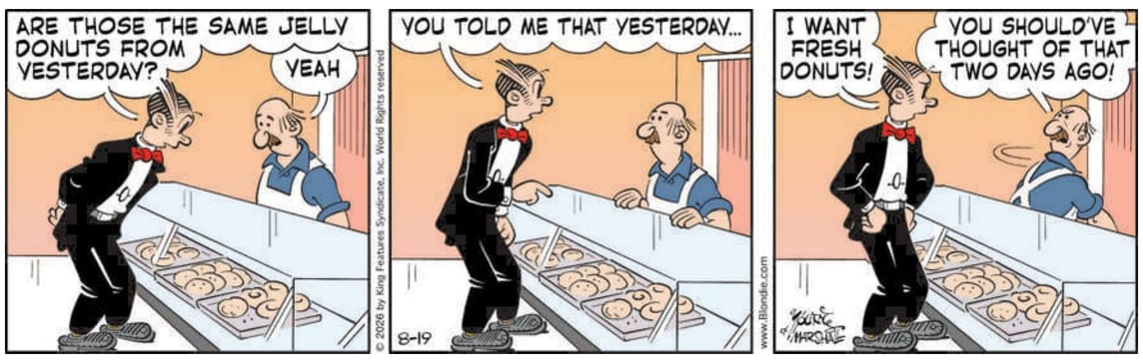
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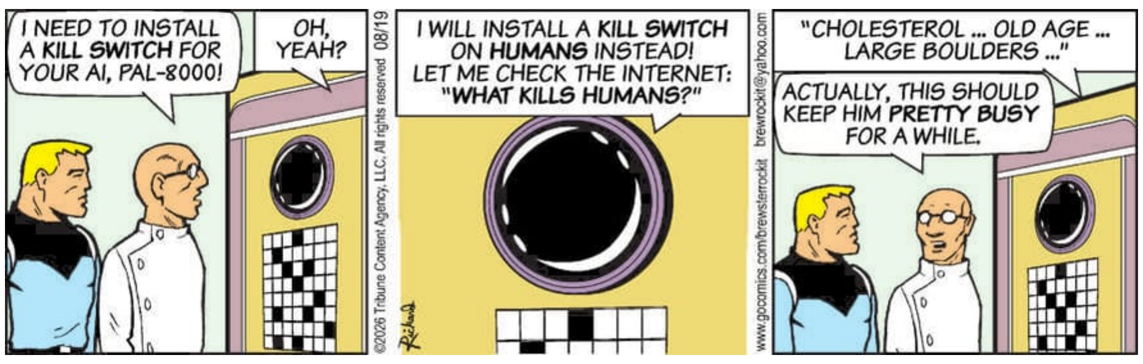
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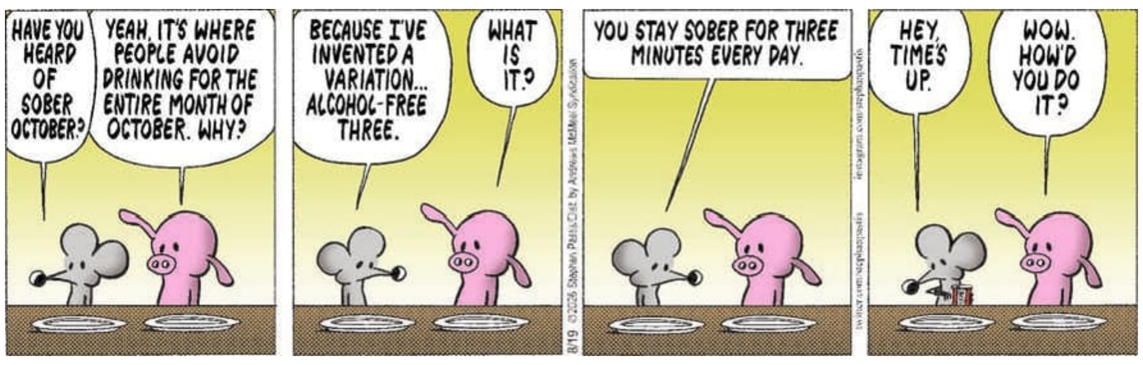
PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
STEPHAN PASTIS


HAVE YOU HEARD OF SOBER OCTOBER?
YEAH, IT'S WHERE PEOPLE AVOID DRINKING FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH OF OCTOBER. WHY?
BECAUSE I'VE INVENTED A VARIATION... ALCOHOL-FREE THREE.
WHAT IS IT?
YOU STAY SOBER FOR THREE MINUTES EVERY DAY.
HEY, TIME'S UP.
WOW. HOW'D YOU DO IT?
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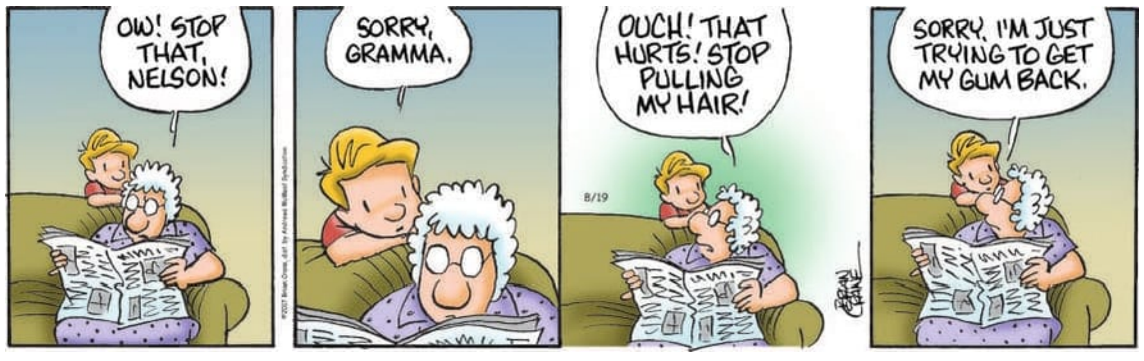
PICKLES
BRIAN CRANE


OW! STOP THAT, NELSON!
SORRY, GRAMMA.
OUCH! THAT HURTS! STOP PULLING MY HAIR!
SORRY, I'M JUST TRYING TO GET MY GUM BACK.
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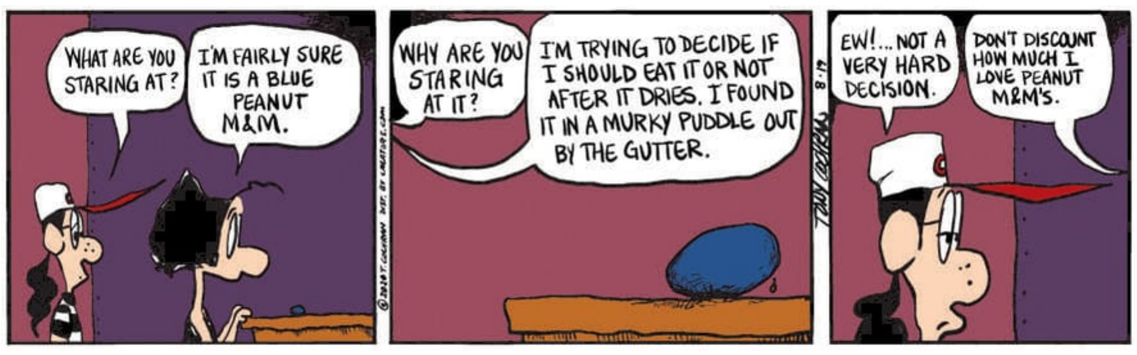
AGNES
TONY COCHRAN


WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT?
I'M FAIRLY SURE IT IS A BLUE PEANUT M&M.
WHY ARE YOU STARING AT IT?
I'M TRYING TO DECIDE IF I SHOULD EAT IT OR NOT AFTER IT DRIES. I FOUND IT IN A MURKY PUDDLE OUT BY THE GUTTER.
EW!... NOT A VERY HARD DECISION.
DON'T DISCOUNT HOW MUCH I LOVE PEANUT M&M'S.
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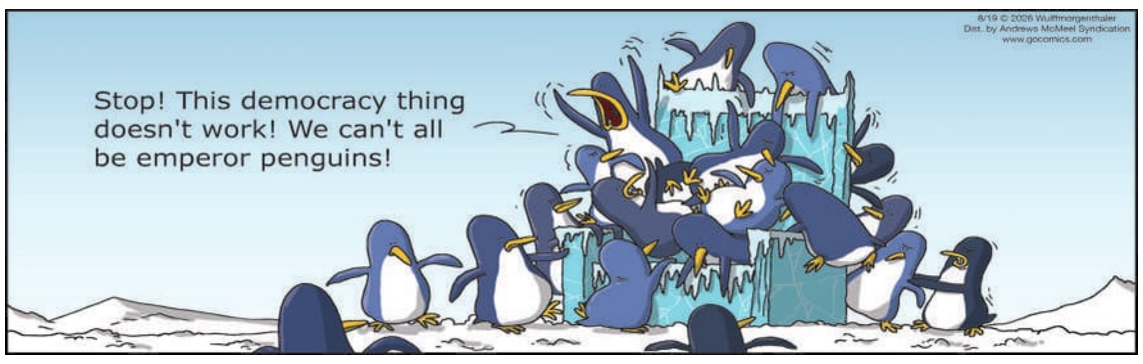
WUMO
MIKAEL WULFF & ANDERS MORGENTHALER


Stop! This democracy thing doesn't work! We can't all be emperor penguins!
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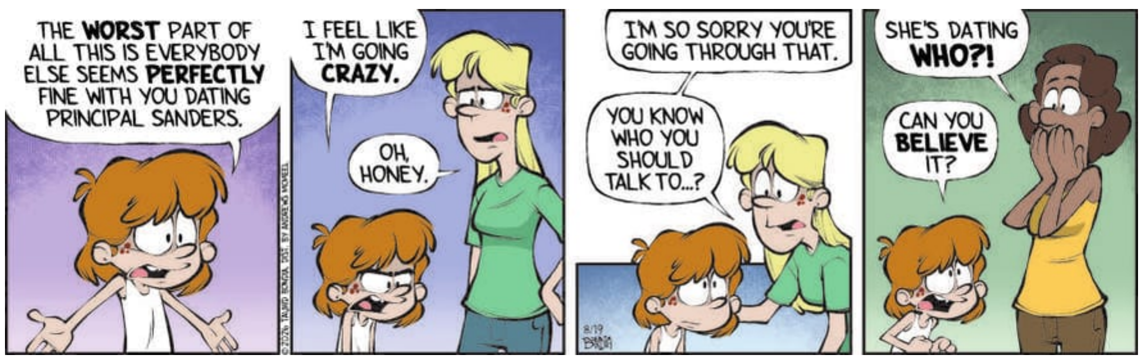
TAUHID BONDIA


THE WORST PART OF ALL THIS IS EVERYBODY ELSE SEEMS PERFECTLY FINE WITH YOU DATING PRINCIPAL SANDERS.
I FEEL LIKE I'M GOING CRAZY.
OH, HONEY.
I'M SO SORRY YOU'RE GOING THROUGH THAT.
YOU KNOW WHO YOU SHOULD TALK TO...?
SHE'S DATING WHO?!
CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?
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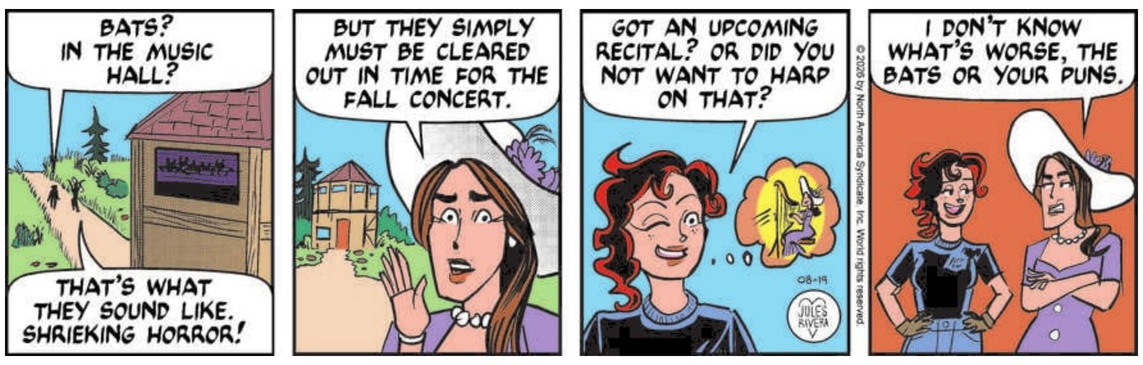
MARK TRAIL
JULES RIVERA


BATS? IN THE MUSIC HALL?
THAT'S WHAT THEY SOUND LIKE. SHRIEKING HORROR!
BUT THEY SIMPLY MUST BE CLEARED OUT IN TIME FOR THE FALL CONCERT.
GOT AN UPCOMING RECITAL? OR DID YOU NOT WANT TO HARP ON THAT?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S WORSE, THE BATS OR YOUR PUNS.
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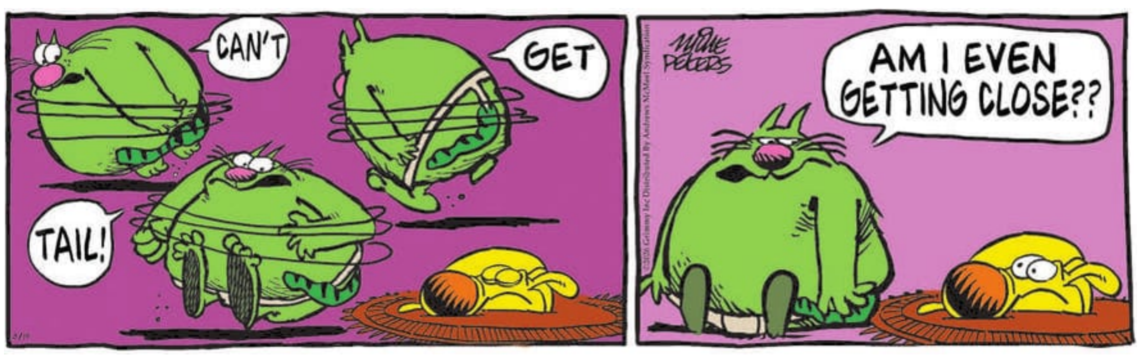
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM
MIKE PETERS


CAN'T
GET
TAIL!
AM I EVEN GETTING CLOSE??
MIKE PETERS

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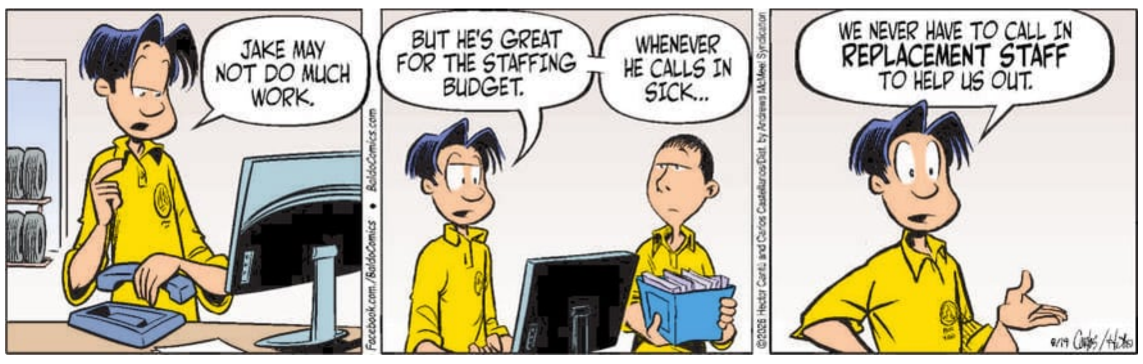
JAKE MAY NOT DO MUCH WORK.
BUT HE'S GREAT FOR THE STAFFING BUDGET.
WHENEVER HE CALLS IN SICK...
WE NEVER HAVE TO CALL IN REPLACEMENT STAFF TO HELP US OUT.
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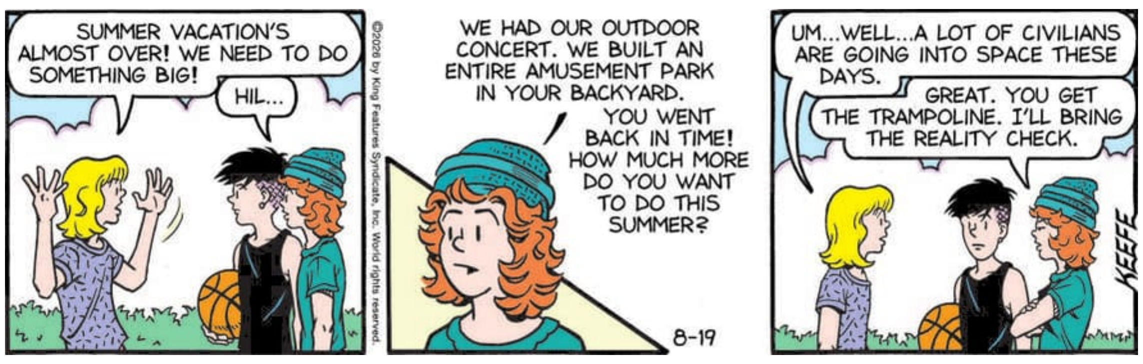
FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & JIM KEEFE


SUMMER VACATION'S ALMOST OVER! WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING BIG!
HIL...
WE HAD OUR OUTDOOR CONCERT. WE BUILT AN ENTIRE AMUSEMENT PARK IN YOUR BACKYARD.
YOU WENT BACK IN TIME! HOW MUCH MORE DO YOU WANT TO DO THIS SUMMER?
UM...WELL...A LOT OF CIVILIANS ARE GOING INTO SPACE THESE DAYS.
GREAT. YOU GET THE TRAMPOLINE. I'LL BRING THE REALITY CHECK.
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KEEFE
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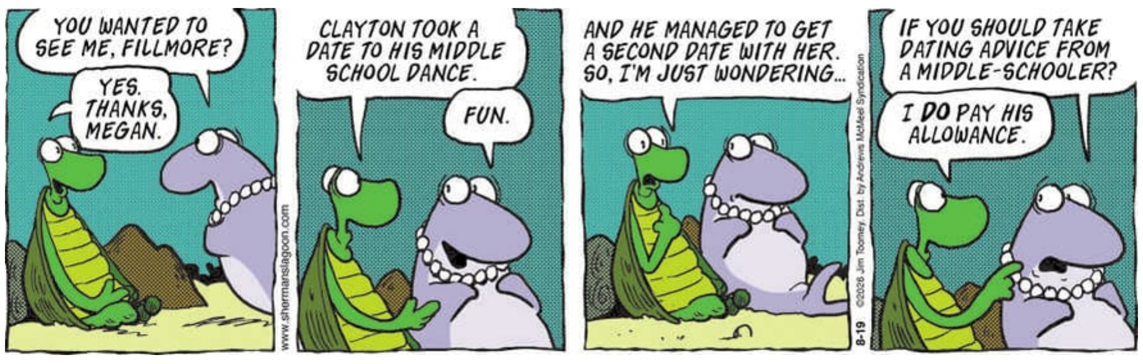
SHERMAN'S LAGOON
JIM TOOMEY


YOU WANTED TO SEE ME, FILLMORE?
YES. THANKS, MEGAN.
CLAYTON TOOK A DATE TO HIS MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE.
FUN.
AND HE MANAGED TO GET A SECOND DATE WITH HER. SO, I'M JUST WONDERING...
IF YOU SHOULD TAKE DATING ADVICE FROM A MIDDLE-SCHOOLER?
I DO PAY HIS ALLOWANCE.
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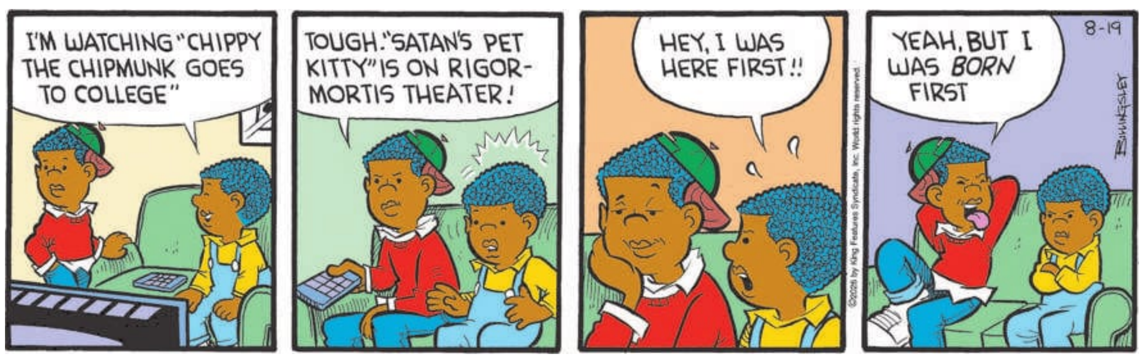
CURTIS
RAY BILLINGSLEY


I'M WATCHING "CHIPPY THE CHIPMUNK GOES TO COLLEGE"
TOUGH. "SATAN'S PET KITTY" IS ON RIGOR-MORTIS THEATER!
HEY, I WAS HERE FIRST!!
YEAH, BUT I WAS BORN FIRST
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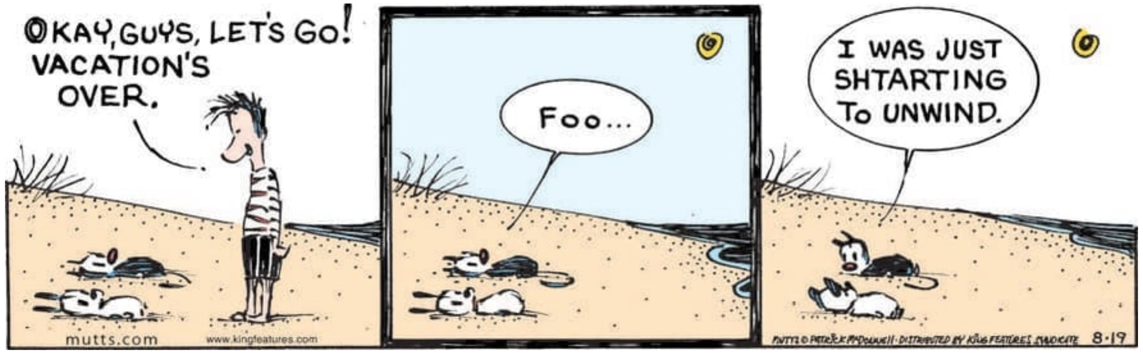
BILLINGSLEY

MUTTS PATRICK McDONNELL


OKAY, GUYS, LET'S GO! VACATION'S OVER.
Foo...
I WAS JUST SHTARTING To UNWIND.
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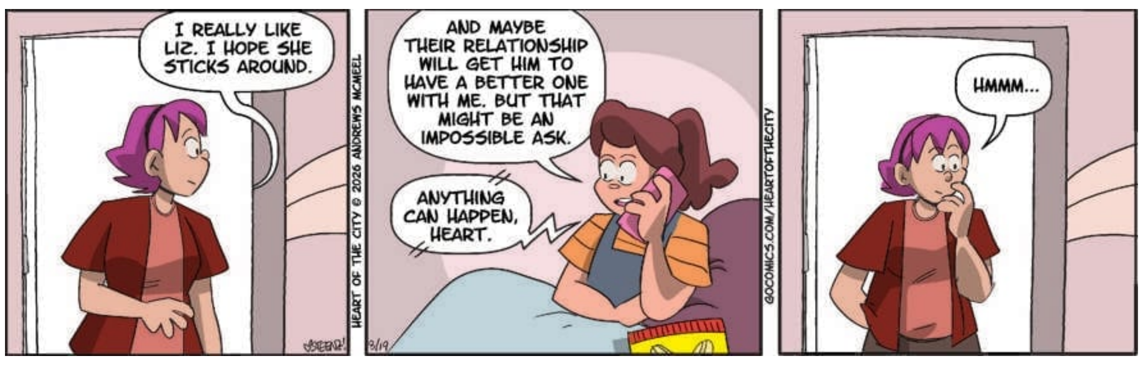
HEART OF THE CITY STEENZ


I REALLY LIKE LIZ. I HOPE SHE STICKS AROUND.
AND MAYBE THEIR RELATIONSHIP WILL GET HIM TO HAVE A BETTER ONE WITH ME. BUT THAT MIGHT BE AN IMPOSSIBLE ASK.
ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN, HEART.
HMMM...
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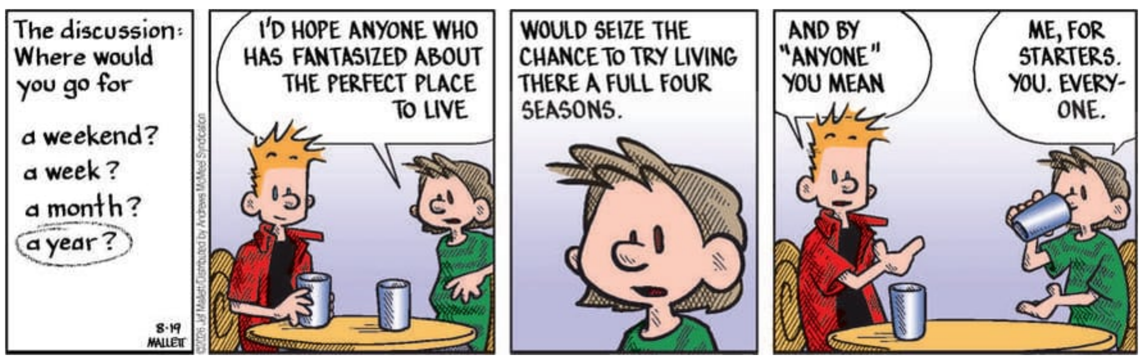
FRAZZ JEF MALLETT


The discussion: Where would you go for
a weekend?
a week?
a month?
a year?
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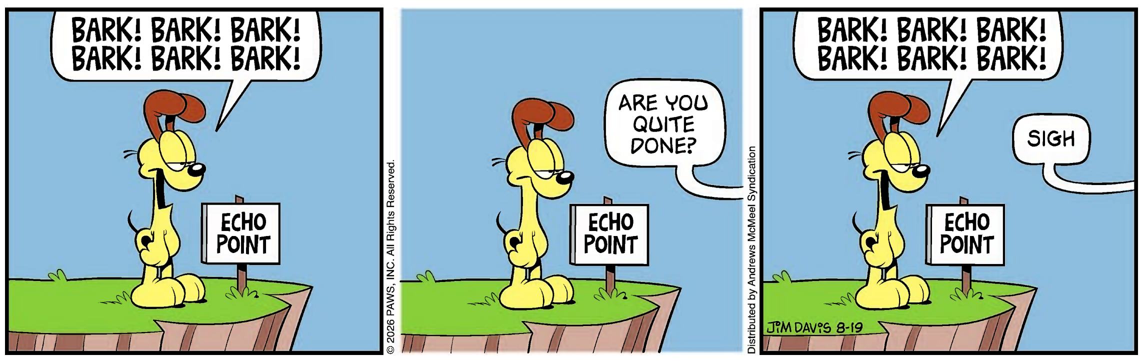
I'D HOPE ANYONE WHO HAS FANTASIZED ABOUT THE PERFECT PLACE TO LIVE
WOULD SEIZE THE CHANCE TO TRY LIVING THERE A FULL FOUR SEASONS.
AND BY "ANYONE" YOU MEAN
ME, FOR STARTERS. YOU. EVERY-ONE.

GARFIELD JIM DAVIS


BARK! BARK! BARK! BARK! BARK! BARK!
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ARE YOU QUITE DONE?
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BARK! BARK! BARK! BARK! BARK! BARK!
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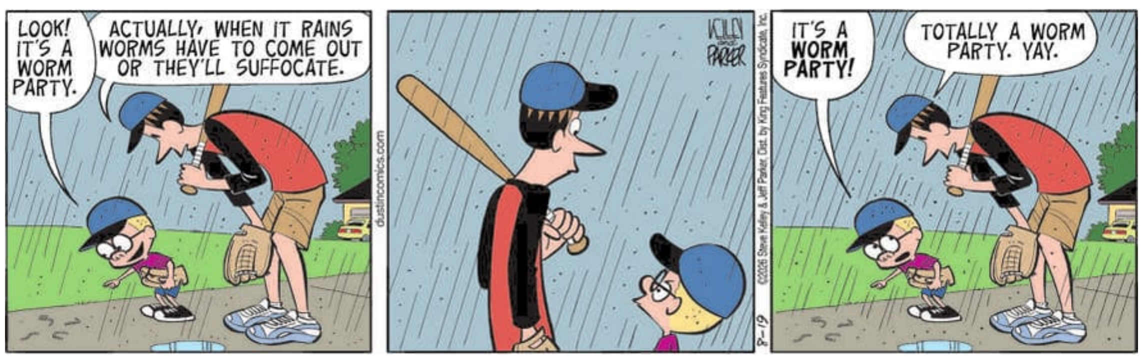
DUSTIN STEVE KELLEY & JEFF PARKER


LOOK! IT'S A WORM PARTY.
ACTUALLY, WHEN IT RAINS WORMS HAVE TO COME OUT OR THEY'LL SUFFOCATE.
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KELLEY AND PARKER
IT'S A WORM PARTY!
TOTALLY A WORM PARTY. YAY.
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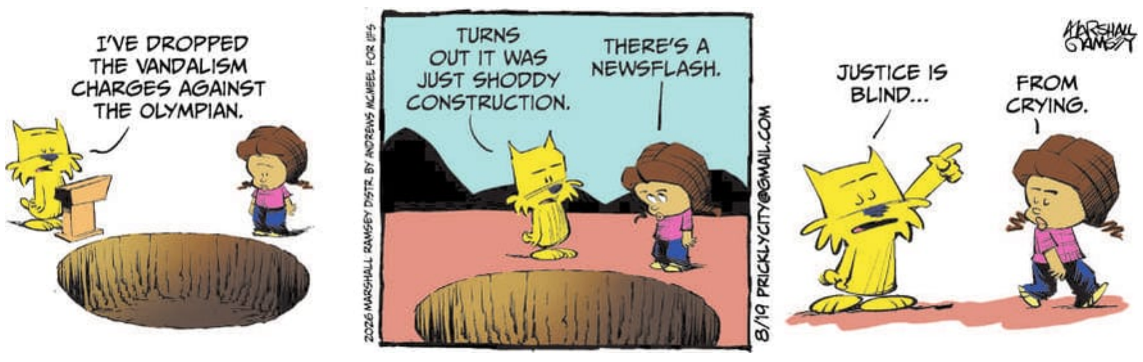
PRICKLY CITY MARSHALL RAMSEY


I'VE DROPPED THE VANDALISM CHARGES AGAINST THE OLYMPIAN.
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TURNS OUT IT WAS JUST SHODDY CONSTRUCTION.
THERE'S A NEWSFLASH.
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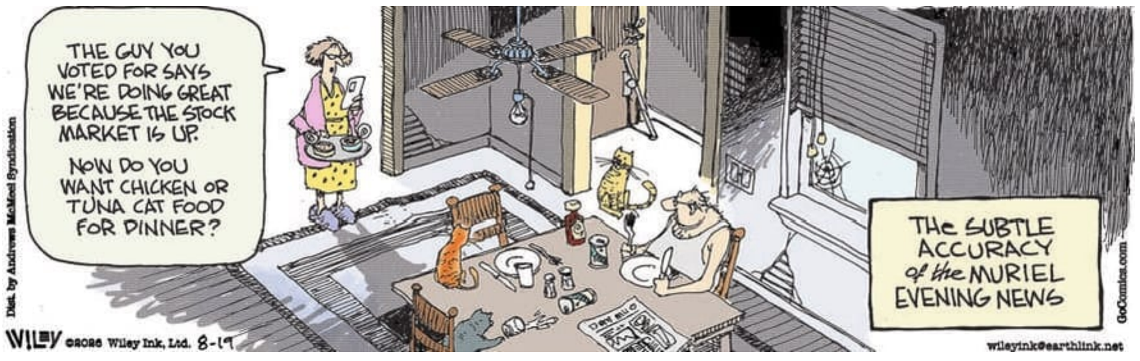
MARSHALL RAMSEY
JUSTICE IS BLIND...
FROM CRYING.

NON SEQUITUR WILEY


THE GUY YOU VOTED FOR SAYS WE'RE DOING GREAT BECAUSE THE STOCK MARKET IS UP.
NOW DO YOU WANT CHICKEN OR TUNA CAT FOOD FOR DINNER?
The SUBTLE ACCURACY of the MURIEL EVENING NEWS
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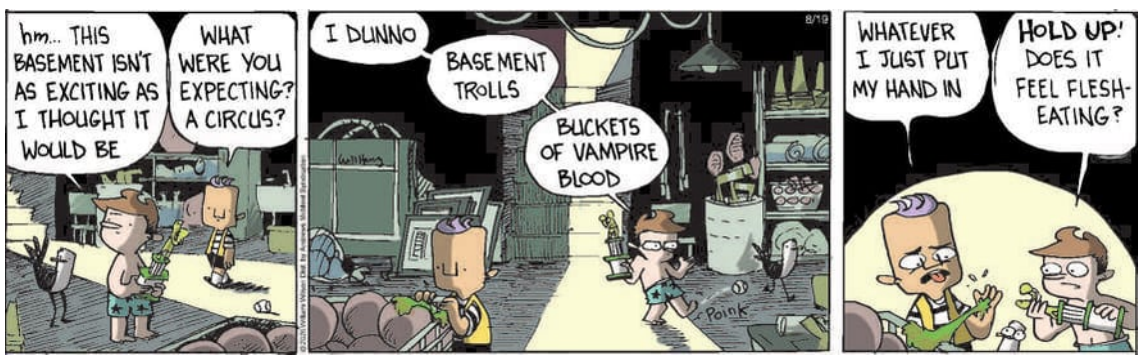
WALLACE THE BRAVE WILL HENRY


hm... THIS BASEMENT ISN'T AS EXCITING AS I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE
WHAT WERE YOU EXPECTING? A CIRCUS?
I DUNNO
BASEMENT TROLLS
BUCKETS OF VAMPIRE BLOOD
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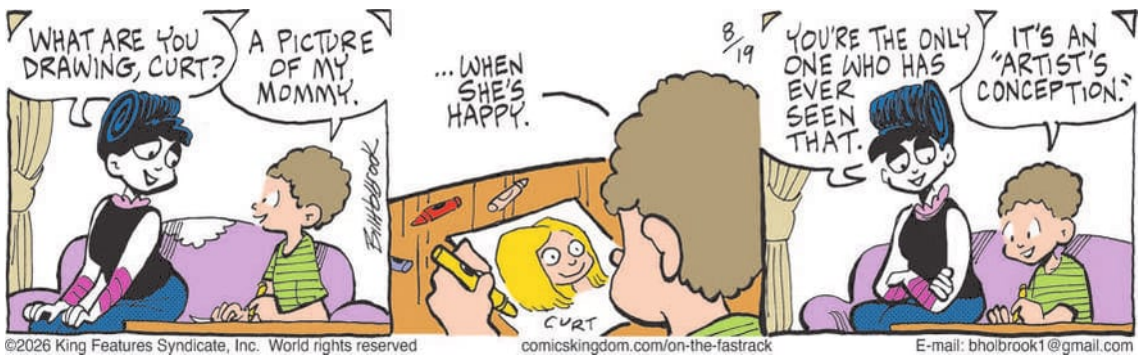
WHATEVER I JUST PUT MY HAND IN
HOLD UP! DOES IT FEEL FLESH-EATING?

ON THE FASTRACK BILL HOLBROOK


WHAT ARE YOU DRAWING, CURT?
A PICTURE OF MY MOMMY.
BILL HOLBROOK
...WHEN SHE'S HAPPY.
CURT
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YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS EVER SEEN THAT.
IT'S AN "ARTIST'S CONCEPTION."

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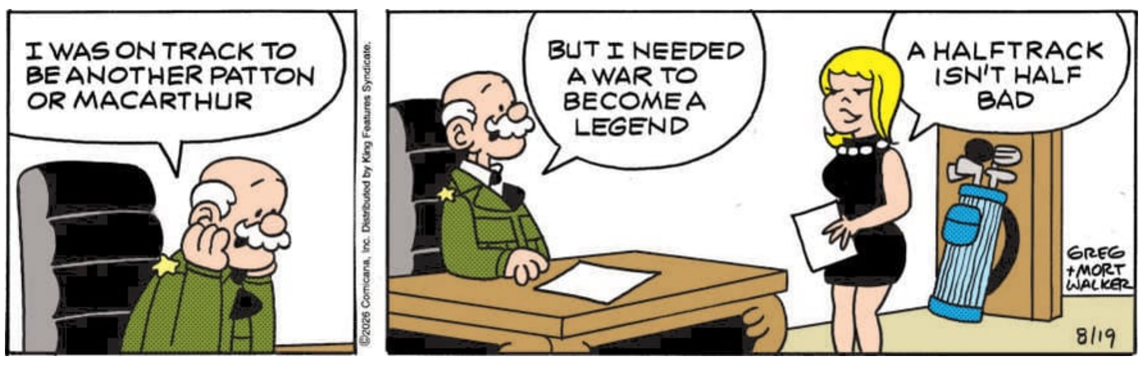
BEETLE BAILEY GREG, BRIAN & NEAL WALKER


I WAS ON TRACK TO BE ANOTHER PATTON OR MACARTHUR
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BUT I NEEDED A WAR TO BECOME A LEGEND
A HALFTRACK ISN'T HALF BAD
GREG + MORT WALKER
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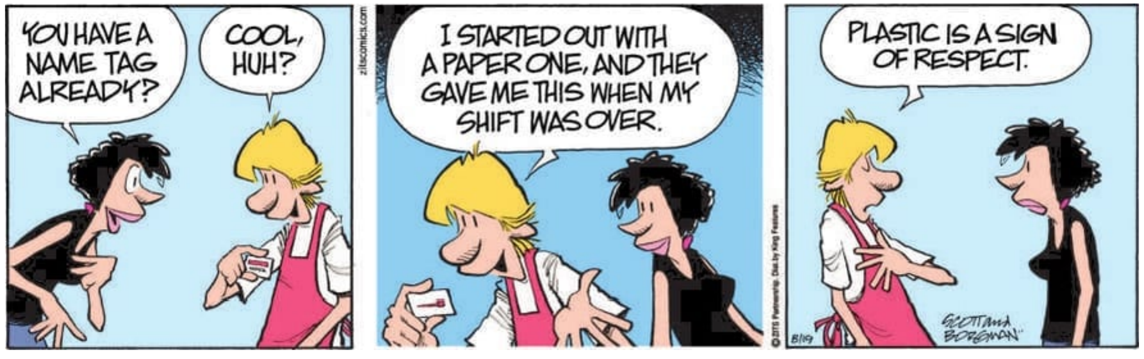
ZITS JERRY SCOTT & JIM BORGMAN


YOU HAVE A NAME TAG ALREADY?
COOL, HUH?
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I STARTED OUT WITH A PAPER ONE, AND THEY GAVE ME THIS WHEN MY SHIFT WAS OVER.
PLASTIC IS A SIGN OF RESPECT.
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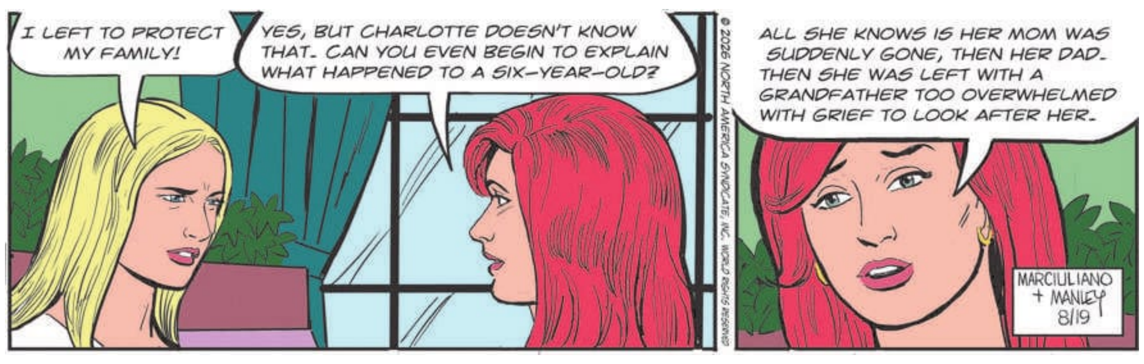
SCOTT AND BORGMAN

JUDGE PARKER FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & MIKE MANLEY


I LEFT TO PROTECT MY FAMILY!
YES, BUT CHARLOTTE DOESN'T KNOW THAT. CAN YOU EVEN BEGIN TO EXPLAIN WHAT HAPPENED TO A SIX-YEAR-OLD?
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ALL SHE KNOWS IS HER MOM WAS SUDDENLY GONE, THEN HER DAD. THEN SHE WAS LEFT WITH A GRANDFATHER TOO OVERWHELMED WITH GRIEF TO LOOK AFTER HER.
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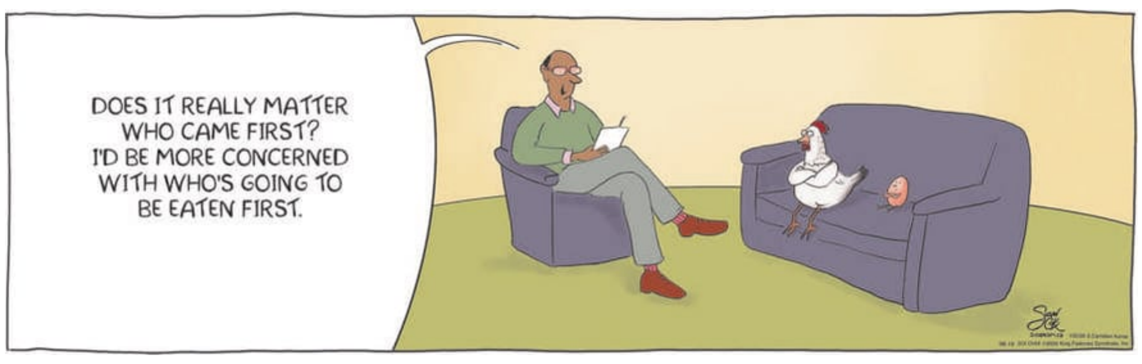
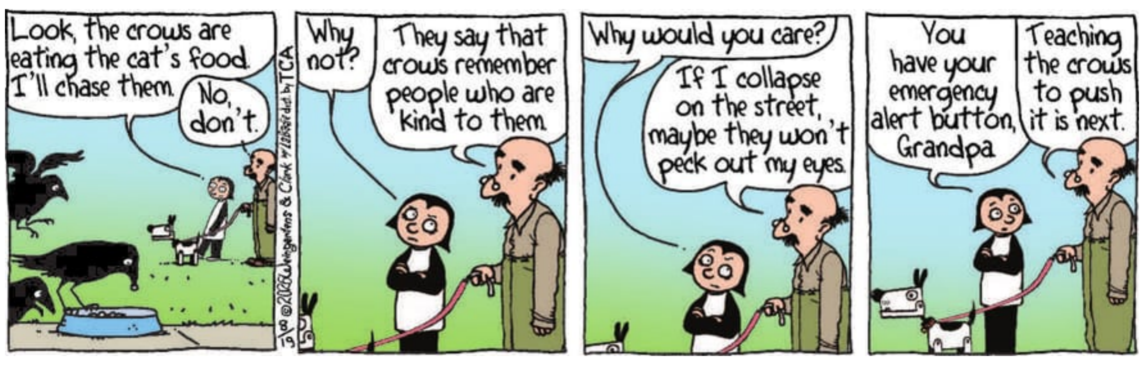
SIX CHIX BANNERMAN, XUNISE, KONAR, LAWTON, PATRINOS & PIRO


DOES IT REALLY MATTER WHO CAME FIRST? I'D BE MORE CONCERNED WITH WHO'S GOING TO BE EATEN FIRST.

BARNEY AND CLYDE WEINGARTENS & CLARK


Look, the crows are eating the cat's food. I'll chase them.
No, don't.
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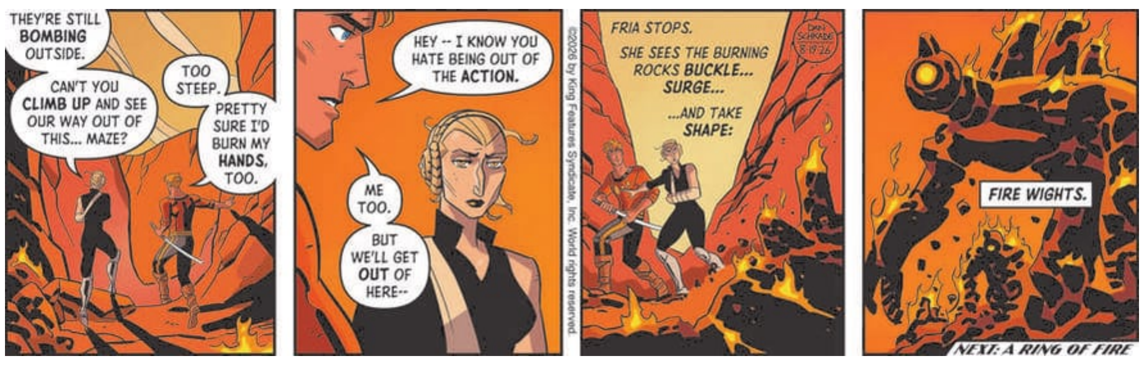
Why not?
They say that crows remember people who are kind to them.
Why would you care?
If I collapse on the street, maybe they won't peck out my eyes.
You have your emergency alert button, Grandpa
Teaching the crows to push it is next.

FLASH GORDON DAN SCHKADE


THEY'RE STILL BOMBING OUTSIDE.
CAN'T YOU CLIMB UP AND SEE OUR WAY OUT OF THIS... MAZE?
TOO STEEP.
PRETTY SURE I'D BURN MY HANDS, TOO.
HEY -- I KNOW YOU HATE BEING OUT OF THE ACTION.
ME TOO.
BUT WE'LL GET OUT OF HERE--
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FRIA STOPS.
SHE SEES THE BURNING ROCKS BUCKLE... SURGE...
...AND TAKE SHAPE:
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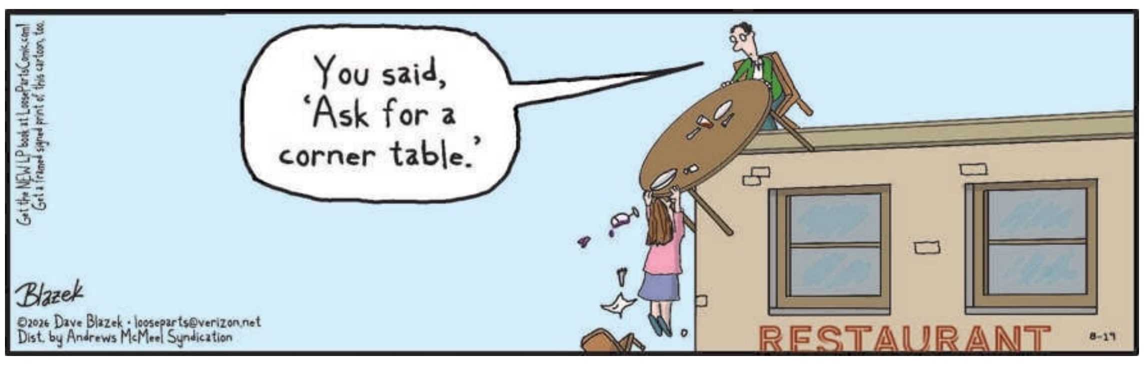
FIRE WIGHTS.
NEXT: A RING OF FIRE

LOOSE PARTS DAVE BLAZEK


You said, 'Ask for a corner table.'
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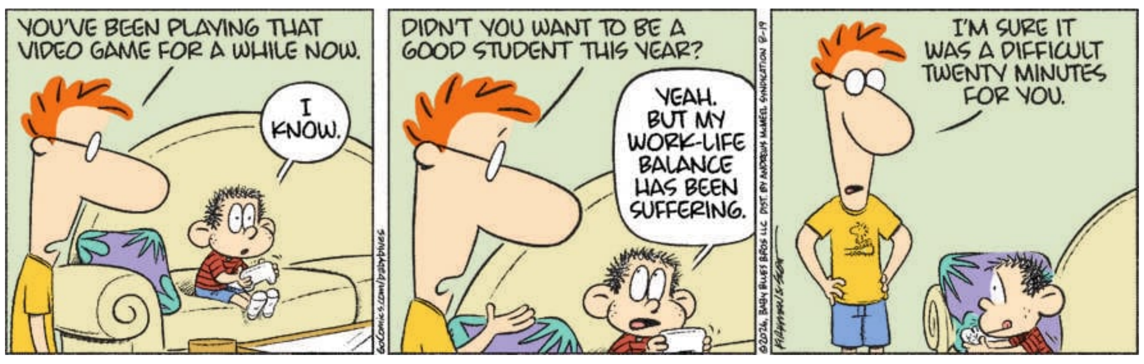
BABY BLUES RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT


YOU'VE BEEN PLAYING THAT VIDEO GAME FOR A WHILE NOW.
I KNOW.
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DIDN'T YOU WANT TO BE A GOOD STUDENT THIS YEAR?
YEAH. BUT MY WORK-LIFE BALANCE HAS BEEN SUFFERING.
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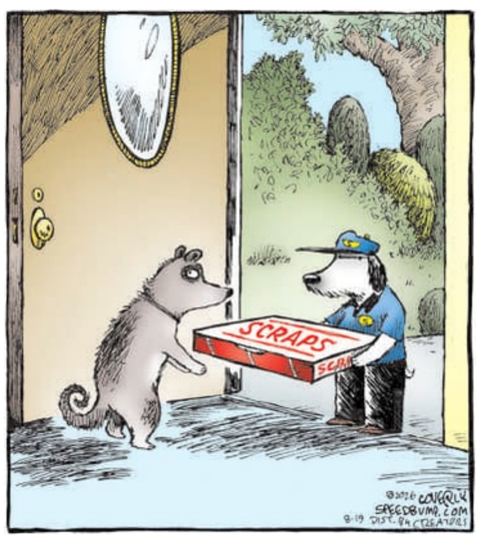
I'M SURE IT WAS A DIFFICULT TWENTY MINUTES FOR YOU.

SPEED BUMP DAVE COVERLY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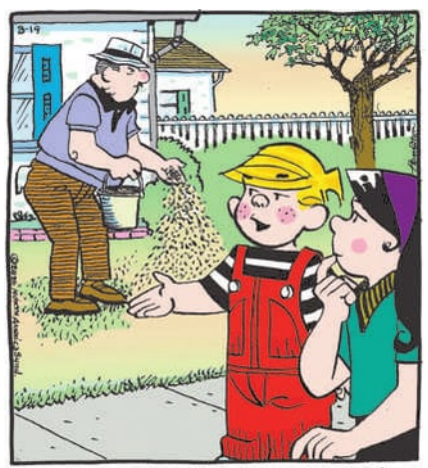
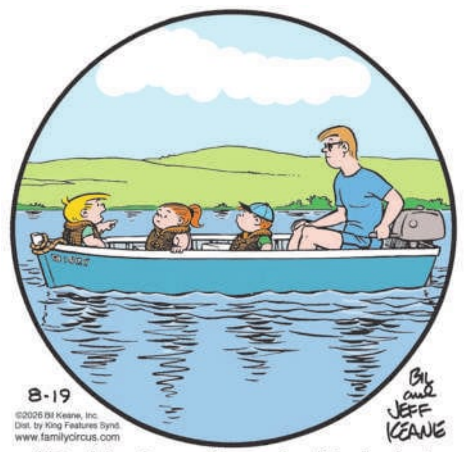


"HE WILL BE PLANTING GRASS ONE DAY AND COMPLAINING ABOUT HAVING TO MOW HIS LAWN THE NEXT DAY."

FAMILY CIRCUS BIL KEANE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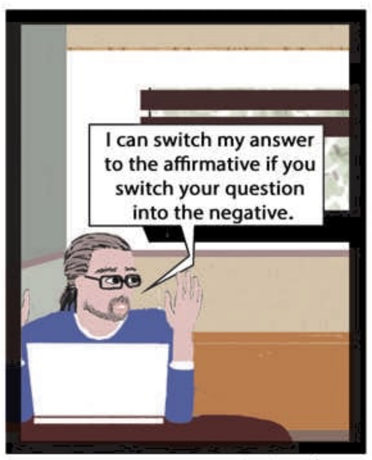
"Daddy doesn't need a life jacket 'cause the captain has to go down with the ship."

REPLY ALL LITE DONNA A. LEWIS


I can switch my answer to the affirmative if you switch your question into the negative.

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4.2 WRC (IND)	King	King	King	King	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	George
5.1 WTTG (Fox)	♦ **Fox 5**	♦ **TMZ**	♦ **MasterChef**		♦ **Nation's Dumbest**		♦ **Fox 5 at 10**		♦ **Fox 5**
7.1 WJLA (ABC)	♦ Wheel	♦ Jeopardy!	♦ **Who Wants to Be**		♦ Abbott	♦ Abbott	♦ Abbott	♦ Abbott	♦ **News**
9.1 WUSA (CBS)	♦ Inside	♦ **ET**	♦ **Big Brother**			♦ Survivor			♦ **9 News**
14.1 WFDC (UNI)	♦ Rosa		♦ **Tan cerca**		♦ **Guardián de mi vida**		♦ **Corazón de oro**		♦ Noticias
20.1 WDCA (MNTV)	♦ Family	♦ Family	♦ **Fox 5 News**		♦ Family	♦ Family	♦ Dateline		♦ Dateline
22.1 WMPT (PBS)	♦ Milk	♦ MotorW..	♦ Nature		♦ NOVA		♦ **Resolve** (P)		♦ **Amanp..**
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66.1 WPXW (ION)	♦ Blue Bloods		♦ Blue Bloods		♦ Blue Bloods		♦ Blue Bloods		♦ BlueBlo..
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AMC	(5:00) Movie: Bad Boys II ★★ (2003)		Movie: Jason Bourne ★★ (2016) Ex-CIA operative Jason Bourne battles a sinister network.					(:45) Movie: Con Air ★★ (1997)	
Animal Planet	Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid				Naked and Afraid		
BET	Celebrity Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud		**T. Perry's The Oval**		**All the Queen's Men**		**OGStories**
Bravo	The Valley		**The Valley**		**Next Gen NYC**		The Valley		Next Gen NYC
Cartoon Network	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick Morty
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Comedy Central	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy
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Disney	(6:25) Movie: Lion Kin...		Movie: Aladdin ★★★ (1992)			Phineas	Phineas	Kiff	Ladybug
E!	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	Cocktail	Cocktail	Two Men
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Food Network	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games		**Guy's Grocery Games**		Grocery	Kitchen	Grocery
Fox News	**Ingraham** (Live)		**Jesse Watters** (Live)		**Hannity** (Live)		**Gutfeld!**		**Fox News**
Freeform	(6:50) Movie: Cruella ★★ (2021) A grifter embraces her wicked side to become Cruella.						**House of Stassi**		The 700 Club
FX	(6:30) Movie: The Proposal ★★ (2009)				**The Shards**		(:05) Movie: Thor ★★★ (2011)		
Hallmark	(6:00) Movie: Falling in Love in Niagara (2024)		Movie: Aussie at Heart (2026) Samara reunites with Nate to plan an anniversary.				Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
Hallmark M&M	(6:00) Movie: Darrow & Darrow: In the Key of ...		Darrow & Darrow				Murder, She Wrote		Murder ...
HBO	(6:00) Movie: D...	(:50) Lanterns		(:50) Movie: Normal ★★ (2025)			(:20) Monsters of God		(:15) Monsters
HGTV	Beach	Beach	Beach	Beach	**Renovation** (SF)		**Worst**	**Worst**	Hunters
History	Alone		Alone		**Alone**			(:35) **Forged in Fire**	
Lifetime	Rizzoli & Isles		Rizzoli & Isles		Rizzoli & Isles		(:05) Rizzoli & Isles		(:05) Rizzoli
MASN	(6:30) **MLB Baseball**				**O's Xtra**	SportsWrap		Touchdown Baltimore	
Monumental	**Mystics**	**WNBA Basketball**				**Mystics**	WNBA Basketball		
MSNBC	**The Weeknight** (Live)		**All in With Chr.** (Live)		**The Briefing** (Live)		**Last Word** (Live)		**The 11th**
MTV	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
Nat'l Geographic	(6:50) Secrets		Secrets of the Bees		**Lion** (P)		(:55) **Lion**	(:50) Secrets	
Nickelodeon	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Big Bang	BigBang	BigBang
NWSN	**Vargas Report**		**Cuomo**		**On Balance**		**Katie Pavlich**		**JesseWeb**
Paramount	(6:00) Movie: Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone ★★★ (2001)					Movie: Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets ★★★ (2002)			
Paramount+Sho	Movie: Gladiator ★★★ (2000) A fugitive general becomes a gladiator in ancient Rome.					(:35) Movie: Million Dollar Baby ★★★★ (2004)			
Syfy	Movie: Armageddon ★★ (1998) A hero (Bruce Willis) tries to save Earth from an asteroid.						**The Ark**		Movie: Deep Bl...
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	**All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite** (Live)				Jokers	Jokers	Office
TCM	(6:00) Movie: Janie ★★ (1944)		Movie: Gone With the Wind ★★★★ (1939) The Civil War forces a Southern belle to face reality.						
TLC	Stories of E.R.		Stories of E.R.		**ER: Ca.**		**Save My Skin**		Jay & Pa.
TNT	(5:00) Movie: E...	(:45) Movie: The Equalizer 2 ★★ (2018) Robert McCall fights assassins to avenge his friend's death.					(:15) Movie: Ocean's Twelve ★★★ (2004)		
Travel	Paranormal Cam.		Paranormal Cam.		Paranormal Cam.		Paranormal Cam.		Paranor..
TruTV	Movie: Tin Cup ★★★ (1996)						Movie: Tin Cup ★★★ (1996)		
TV Land	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	(:20) Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	King
TV One	CosbySh..	CosbySh..	GoodTimes	GoodTimes	GoodTimes	GoodTim..	GoodTim..	GoodTim..	GoodTim..
USA Network	9-1-1		9-1-1		9-1-1		**WNBA Basketball**		
VH1	My Wife	My Wife	Movie: The Social Network ★★★ (2010)						Movie
WNC8	Paid Prog.	Aetna	7News at..	Inogen!	Jacuzzi	**WorldNe..**	**WJLANe..**	Jacuzzi	**National**

LEGEND: Bold indicates new or live programs ♦ High Definition
Movie Ratings (from TMS) ★★★★ Excellent ★★★ Good ★★ Fair ★ Poor No stars: not rated

HOROSCOPE

BIRTHDAY | AUGUST 19: You're dynamic, focused and organized. You present a serious face to the world and have a desire to change society. This is a year of new beginnings, adventures and major changes. Grab new opportunities and be ready to act. What you do now will bring great benefits in the future.

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping (except for food and gas) and important decisions after 10:15 p.m. today. The Moon is in Scorpio.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)
Although mild quarrels might arise about how to share the expense of something, don't let this rankle you. Instead, focus on socializing, the arts, sports and fun activities with kids. This is a great day to schmooze!

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)
Tread carefully when talking to family members, spouses, partners and close friends, because things are tense today. Furthermore, Mars in your House of Communications makes you more aggressive. Pull in your reins a bit. Keep things light.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)
There are two options available to you today, which is quite appropriate for a Gemini (the Twins). You can get caught up in squabbles with siblings, relatives, neighbors and work colleagues – or you can play hooky and have fun doing whatever you want. (No-brainer.)

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)
Romantic partners must be patient with each other. Likewise, parents must be patient with their kids. Meanwhile, it's the perfect day to redecorate and tweak your digs. You might even entertain. Get some physical exercise. (Even dancing for three minutes.)

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)
Today the Sun, Mercury and Jupiter are in your sign; however, the Moon is at odds with your Sun, triggering domestic arguments and tension with people at home. Fortunately, fair Venus, in your House of Communications, will smooth your words. Dish out the sweetness.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Something going on behind the scenes today might make you feel disgruntled. This mood might affect how you speak to others. Not good. Instead, throw your energy into interacting with friends, groups and organizations. You also might buy something beautiful today.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
This continues to be a great time for you to buy wardrobe items, which is not a bad idea, because you like to look your best. Did you know that the sign of Libra has domain over haute couture? This is why you always look good. Avoid money squabbles today. Use your energy to work.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today the Moon is in your sign at odds with the Sun, right at the top of your chart. This means you should avoid quarrels and power struggles with bosses, parents, teachers, VIPs and the police. Instead, dabble in secret love affairs, or explore avenues in travel, medicine, the law and publishing. Stay out of trouble.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Steer clear of controversial subjects today, because they will irk you. (Naturally, you have opinions.) Instead, decide to have fun with a friend or a group. Explore new ideas and try to learn something new. It's also a passionate day. Hmmm.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Avoid squabbles with a friend today. Likewise, don't get caught up fighting a member of a group, because what's the point? Today is challenging. Even partners and close friends might annoy you. Instead, focus on goals, your career and earning some brownie points with bosses, parents and authority figures.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
There's a high probability that you might have a public argument with someone today. In fact, you might be at odds with a boss, parent, teacher, VIP or the police. This is not a good idea. The upside is not favorable. Your best option today is to work hard and get organized. That's a winning choice.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)
Don't get bogged down in arguments about politics, religion or racial issues today, which is easy to do! Instead, focus on socializing with others, exploring sports, enjoying playful times with kids and expressing your creative talents. Great choice.

— Georgia Nicols

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BRIDGE

N-S VULNERABLE

NORTH
♠ 7 6
♥ 10 4 3
♦ A K 6 5 3
♣ A 9 4

WEST
♠ Q 10 9 5 3
♥ 8
♦ J 9 7 2
♣ Q J 8

EAST
♠ J 8
♥ 9 7 6 2
♦ 10
♣ K 10 7 6 5 2

SOUTH (D)
♠ A K 4 2
♥ A K Q J 5
♦ Q 8 4
♣ 3

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
7 ♥(!)	All Pass		

Opening lead — ♣ Q

Conventional wisdom advises against bidding a grand slam unless you can count 13 tricks in the auction. The odds disfavor speculative grand slams. At IMP scoring, if you go down at seven when six is bid and made in the replay, you lose more IMPs than you would have gained if your grand slam had come home.

Today's South gambled when he bid seven hearts. He took dummy's ace of clubs, cashed one high trump, then took the A-K of spades. East followed with the eight and jack.

Declarer disappeared into a long huddle. Eventually, he led a third spade and ruffed low in dummy — and East overruffed.

South could have made his grand slam. He ruffs the third spade with the 10 of trumps, then runs his trumps. He succeeds if the diamonds break 3-2 or, as in the actual deal, when West gets squeezed in spades and diamonds.

The best play is unclear (at least to me; maybe some mathematician can enlighten me). What I'm sure of is that South wished he had stopped at six hearts.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold:
♠ 7 6 ♥ 10 4 3
♦ A K 6 5 3 ♣ A 9 4

Your partner opens one spade, you respond two diamonds, he bids two hearts and you try 2NT. Partner then bids three spades. What do you say?

ANSWER: Partner suggests six spades, four hearts and extra strength. If he had a minimum hand with 6-4 pattern — K J 10 8 4 2, A J 5 2, 7, K 7 — he (or at least most experts) would have rebid two spades to limit his strength. Bid four spades.

— Frank Stewart

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SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

				3	1			
		2			9		8	3
		8		2		6	1	
4				6		7		
	1						5	
		7		8				4
	9	3		7		8		
7	6		2			5		
			3	9				

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

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PREVIOUS SUDOKU SOLUTION

6	7	4	8	3	5	2	1	9
1	2	3	6	9	4	5	8	7
9	5	8	2	7	1	4	3	6
3	1	5	9	6	8	7	4	2
7	6	2	1	4	3	9	5	8
8	4	9	7	5	2	1	6	3
5	8	1	3	2	9	6	7	4
2	3	7	4	1	6	8	9	5
4	9	6	5	8	7	3	2	1

SCRABBLE GRAMS

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E1 U1 N1 S1 C3 N1 S1 — RACK 1

I1 U1 K5 N1 T1 N1 H4 — Double Word Score — RACK 2

E1 E1 I1 U1 T1 R1 H4 — RACK 3

E1 E1 Y4 C3 S1 R1 C3 — 3rd Letter Triple — RACK 4

PAR SCORE 100-110
BEST SCORE 165

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition. **SOLUTION TOMORROW**

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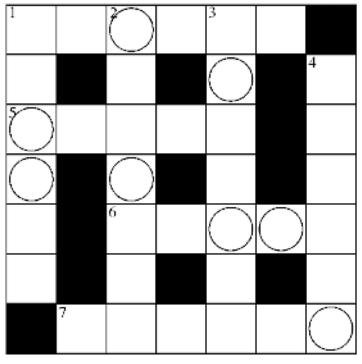
PREVIOUS SCRABBLEGRAMS SOLUTION

B3 A1 S1 E1 M3 A1 N1 — RACK 1 = 72
U1 N1 A1 C3 T1 E1 D2 — RACK 2 = 60
D2 A1 I1 K5 O1 N1 — RACK 3 = 11
A1 Z10 I1 M3 U1 T1 H4 — RACK 4 = 91
PAR SCORE 155-165 — TOTAL 234

JUMBLE CROSSWORDS™

by David L. Hoyt

8-19-26



ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Distressing experience	RAATMU
5. Step ____	ESDIA
6. Involving the eye	PTCIO
7. Strand	RMOAON

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Hypnotic state	RECTNA
2. Grand Canyon state	RAOIANZ
3. Orchestra conductor	SRTAMEO
4. Swift bird of prey	CLAFNO

CLUE: This is home to Olduvai Gorge, one of the world's most important prehistoric fossil sites.

BONUS ○○○○○○○○

How to play: Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

ANSWERS: 1A-Trauma 5A-Aside 6A-Optic 7A-Maroon 1D-Trance 2D-Arizona 3D-Maestro 4D-Falcon B-Tanzania

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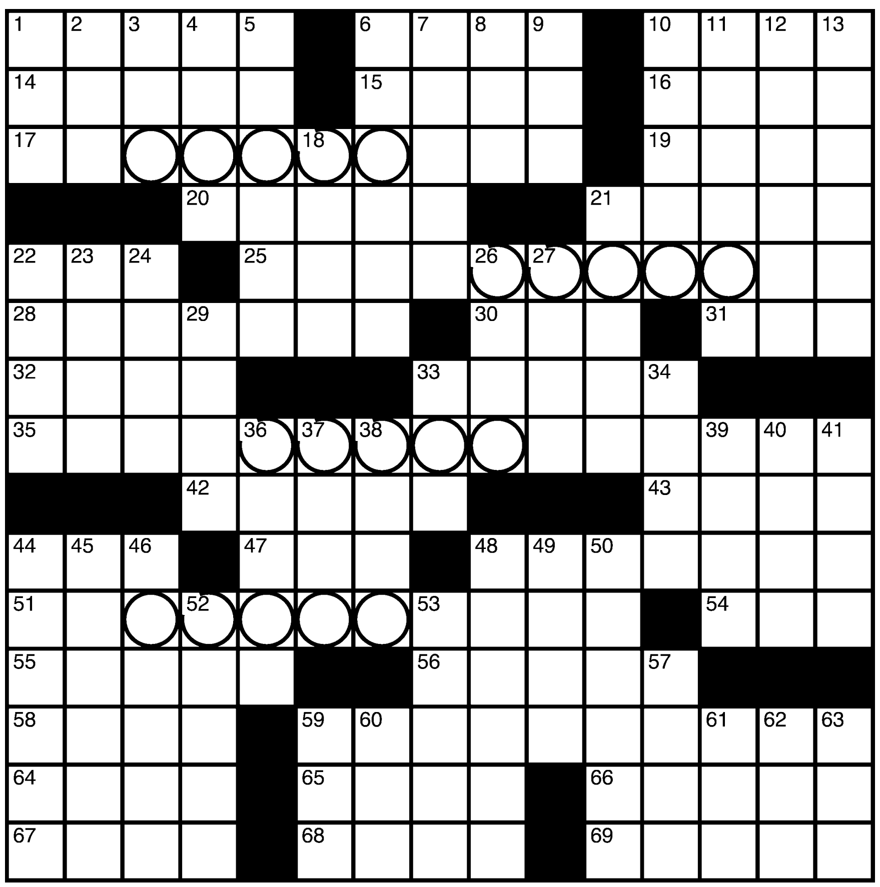
LA TIMES CROSSWORD

By Max Schlenker



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ACROSS
1 Cherubic god
6 Spot for pore strips
10 Jumbled mess
14 Stunt show setting
15 Significant work
16 Syllables for a stage magician
17 Social pariah
19 Social media spammers
20 Rectitude
21 In flight
22 Union agreement?
25 "All Eyez on Me" rapper
28 Film technique derived from the French for "to assemble"
30 "Not answering email," briefly
31 Foxy
32 Capitol canvas for "The Apotheosis of Washington"
33 Jilt
35 Laughs during an "SNL" appearance, say
42 Settle, as a debt
43 Vibe
44 "Future Nostalgia" singer Lipa
47 Some Eng. degrees
48 Truly fiendish
51 Drawing toy that uses aluminum powder
54 Opening day pitcher, typically
55 SAT prep subj.
56 "Thus with a kiss I die" hero
58 Tirade in the Times, say
59 Fast-food chain that began as a hot dog cart, and what this puzzle's circled letters do?
64 Antler point
65 FX drama about New York City's ball culture
66 Magazine release
67 Has a meal
68 Serve a meal to
69 Like a toddler mid-bath

DOWN
1 Zin alternative
2 Link destination
3 Storied cause of royal insomnia
4 Progress slowly
5 Actress Fanning
6 Pessimist's words
7 "Fire Shut Up in My Bones," e.g.
8 Litigate
9 Ability to see what others can't
10 "Se __ español"
11 Paperless reads
12 Foxy
13 Bakery offering
18 Nesting cozily
21 Now, in Nicaragua
22 Cinephile's site
23 Cuckoo clock part
24 "I'll pay this time"
26 Manilow's "hottest spot north of Havana," familiarly
27 Like a gooseberry
29 Feature of some happy and sad emoji
33 Slow to open up
34 Org. for Sarah Strong and Hannah Hidalgo
36 Shish __
37 Ice bath spots
38 Bourbon barrel
39 Protein in some melts
40 Comedian André
41 "RuPaul's Drag __"
44 Dedicate, as time
45 Harmonious society
46 Brogue, for one
48 Amped up
49 Peak
50 Grad school hurdle
52 Disney villain with hair of blue flame
53 Wipe
57 Quite a bit
59 Tanning oil letters
60 Weeding tool
61 Red __ beet
62 Chalice, e.g.
63 Decryption need

TUESDAY'S LA TIMES SOLUTION

A	S	N	E	R		S	T	E	M		U	M	P	S
S	T	O	K	E		H	O	R	A		S	O	Y	A
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B	E	N		B	U	C	K		I	A	N			
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The Washington Post
SPORTS

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"The big thing they preach is everything they do … it just all translates down, no matter what level," said Chase Brunson, the Nationals' second-round pick.

Going to summer camp

Nats' newest draft picks got an introduction to pro baseball — and played a lot of mini-golf

BY **DANIELLE ALLENTUCK**

Nationals at Rangers
8:05 p.m., Nationals.TV

The Washington Nationals' newest players woke up to their alarms in West Palm Beach, Florida, at 7 a.m. sharp. They had a bus to catch at 7:45.

But this bus wasn't taking them to school, as they were accustomed. They are professional baseball players now, headed from their hotel rooms to their morning workout at the Nationals' complex for draft camp.

After Washington drafted and signed them in mid-July, the players reported to West Palm Beach for the camp, the first of its kind under the new front office. They then got their first taste of pro baseball, going through a rigorous schedule of meetings, training and live batting practices.

And they played mini-golf. Lots and lots of mini-golf.

"It gets pretty competitive," said Chase Brunson, the Nationals' second-round pick out of TCU. "It's all pretty equal, I'd say, so that's what makes it fun."

That fun, though, came at the end of their training day. First, they had work to do.

After arriving at the facility, the players began their day with a hearty breakfast. Then they were off to meetings, both individual and group, followed by work in the batting cages. Here, most of the hitters got their first taste of the Trajekt, a tool that simulates the velocity, spin rate and release height of major league pitchers. Even those who went to big-name college programs didn't have access to that level of technology.

They also learned the expectations and started to develop the routines that will help them handle the demands of being a professional. Baseball is now their job and main responsibility.

The Nationals have made an effort to

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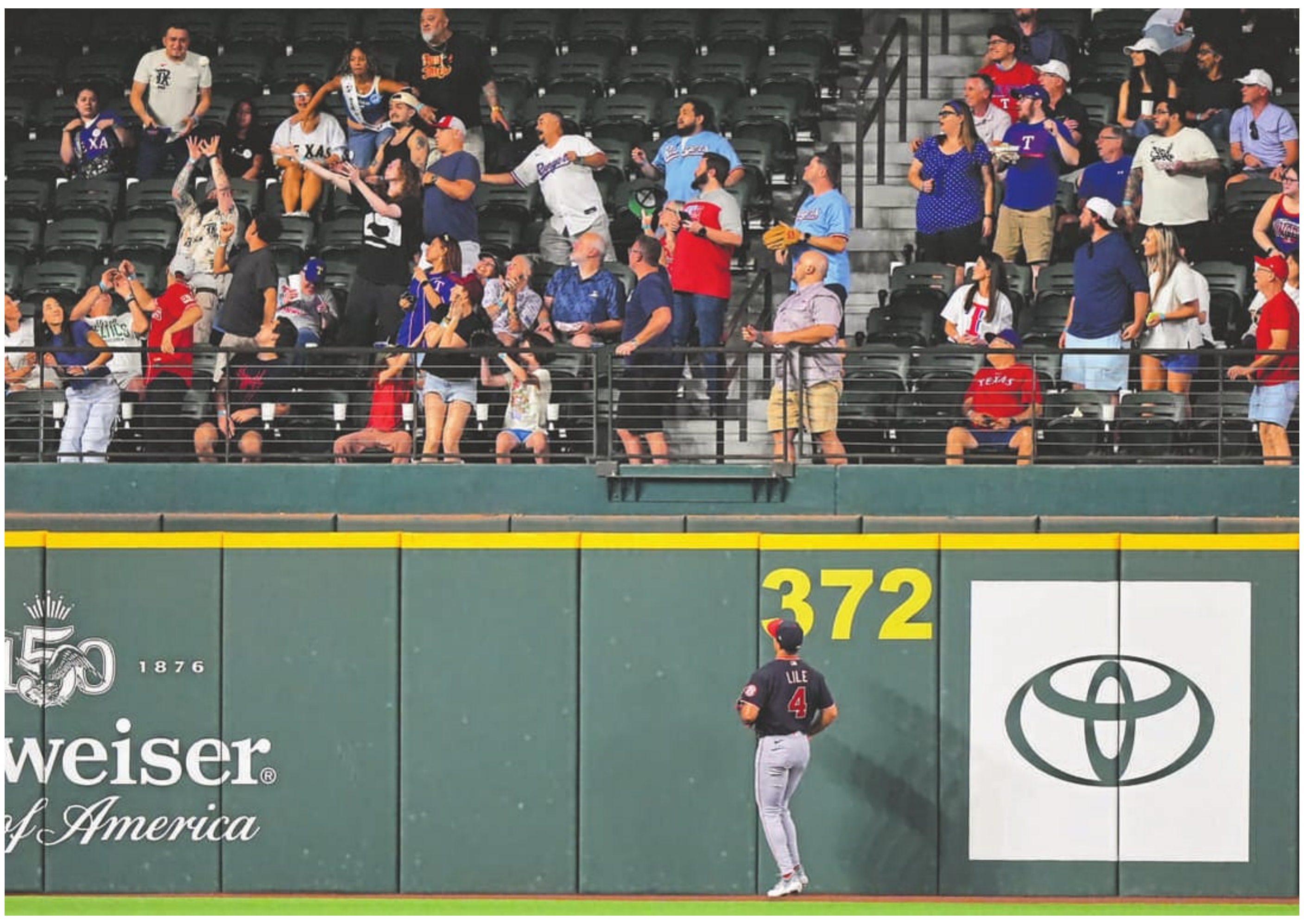

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More road woes
Nationals left fielder Daylen Lile watches a second-inning homer by Rangers designated hitter Justin Foscue land in the stands Tuesday night in Arlington, Texas. Washington fell, 5-0, to drop to 0-4 on its road trip. For more coverage, visit *postsports.com*.

For Terps offense to shine, line must hold

While pass protection was solid, opening holes for ground game is key

BY **EDWARD LEE**
Baltimore Sun

Maryland football's offense boasts the most prolific passing quarterback among freshmen in 2025, a tight end room that new offensive coordinator Clint Trickett compares to the talented group that he coached at Florida Atlantic in 2019 and a wide receiving corps that includes an all-Sun Belt honorable mention and Wyoming's receiving leader from a year ago.

But the linchpin to the unit's success may be an offensive line that mixed highs and lows last fall. The unit must set the tone for the upcoming season, graduate student right tackle Isaiah Wright said.

"It's extremely critical," he said. "The team goes as far as we go, and so it has to be a huge emphasis to us. We have to have a certain level of urgency to correct those things. I think that's something that we take personally, and we take it seriously. So every day they come in the building, that's [one] of the things that we want to accomplish."

Sophomore quarterback Malik Washington led all freshmen in passing yards with 2,963, which also set a school record for freshmen.

But even he acknowledged that his success — and that of his teammates — relies on the play of those on the front lines.

"A lot of what we do falls on the big fellas up front," the former Archbishop Spalding star and All-Met Offensive Player of the Year said. "The run, pass and everything in between, it's on them. So their communication has to be key, the way they execute has to

SEE **MARYLAND** ON **B11**

Bieniemy on return: 'We're back to football'

Offensive coordinator left Chiefs after wife was shot in Ashburn home

BY **DAVE SKRETTA**
Associated Press

ST. JOSEPH, MO. — Kansas City Chiefs offensive coordinator Eric Bieniemy joked Tuesday that he had the blessing of his wife, Mia, to return to the team after she was shot at their Virginia home because, well, "I know I was driving her and a bunch of my family members crazy in the house."

Mia was shot the evening of July 26, and the couple's 27-year-old son, Elijah, was arrested. Eric left the Chiefs right away to help his family through the crisis, and he returned to camp last week ahead of a preseason loss to the Los Angeles Rams.

"First and foremost, yes, she's on a great road to recovery. Yes, she's doing great," Bieniemy said, speaking to reporters for the first time since Mia was rushed to the hospital. "It is one of the main reasons that I am back here, because of her recovery. She's truly a soldier. She's a saint. And it's been incredible to watch."

Bieniemy was never far from camp, even while he was home in Ashburn. He watched streams of practice from Missouri Western State University, and he was often conferenced into team meetings before and after the workouts.

At one point, he called Chiefs General Manager Brett Veach — who he knew was seated beside Coach Andy Reid — and told him

SEE **BIENIEMY** ON **B9**

THE DAY IN SPORTS

DEAN MOUHTAROPOULOS/GETTY IMAGES

Sticking it out

Argentina's Thomas Habif, left, battles two Dutch players during a field hockey World Cup game in Amstelveen, Netherlands.

SPOTLIGHT: COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Texas leads the way on all-American team

BY ERIC OLSON

Texas leads all teams with four players named to the preseason Associated Press all-America team announced Tuesday, and the SEC has 14 of the 27 first-team selections on the eve of the college football season.

The Big Ten has eight players on the first team, led by Oregon quarterback Dante Moore and two of his teammates.

Defending national champion Indiana, Georgia and Oklahoma each have two players on the first team, as determined by media members on the AP top 25 voting panel.

The Longhorns on the team are offensive lineman Trevor Goosby, wide receiver Cam Coleman, defensive lineman Colin Simmons and linebacker Rasheem Biles.

Defensive lineman A'Mauri Washington and safety Koi Perich are the Ducks joining Moore, who edged out Mississippi's Trinidad Chambliss for first-team honors.

Wide receiver Jeremiah Smith, the Big Ten preseason offensive player of the year, is the only selection from Ohio State, the No. 1 team in the preseason poll.

Smith, Missouri running back Ahmad Hardy and Notre Dame cornerback Leonard Moore are returning first-team all-America picks who are on the preseason team.

Iowa's Kade Pieper was voted first-team center by a wide margin even though this will be his first season playing the position. He moved from right guard to replace 2025 consensus all-American Logan Jones.

The all-America team for this season will be released in December.

— Associated Press

First-team offense

Quarterback: Dante Moore, fourth year, Oregon.
Running backs: Kewan Lacy, third year, Mississippi; Ahmad Hardy, third year, Missouri.
Tackles: Carter Smith, fifth year, Indiana; Trevor Goosby, fourth year, Texas.
Guards: Evan Tengesdahl, fourth year, Cincinnati; Shadre Hurst, fifth year, Houston.
Center: Kade Pieper, fourth year, Iowa.
Tight end: Trey'Dez Green, third year, LSU.
Wide receivers: Jeremiah Smith, third year, Ohio State; Malachi Toney, second year, Miami; Cam Coleman, third year, Texas.
All-purpose player: Wayne Knight, fifth year, UCLA.
Kicker: Tate Sandell, fifth year, Oklahoma.

Second-team offense

Quarterback: Trinidad Chambliss, fifth year, Mississippi.
Running backs: Mark Fletcher Jr., fourth year, Miami; LJ Martin, fourth year, BYU.
Tackles: Cayden Green, fourth year, Missouri; Jordan Seaton, third year, LSU.
Guards: Greg Johnson, fourth year, Minnesota; Luke Montgomery, fourth year, Ohio State.
Center: Drew Bobo, fifth season, Georgia.
Tight end: Terrance Carter Jr., fifth year, Texas Tech.
Wide receivers: Duce Robinson, fourth year, Florida State; Charlie Becker, third year, Indiana; KJ Duff, third year, Rutgers.
All-purpose player: Cam Cook, fourth year, West Virginia.
Kicker: Lucas Carneiro, fifth year, Mississippi.

First-team defense

Edge: Colin Simmons, third year, Texas; Dylan Stewart, third year, South Carolina.
Tackles: A'Mauri Washington, fourth year, Oregon; David Stone, third year, Oklahoma.
Linebackers: Rasheem Biles, fourth year, Texas; Xavier Atkins, third year, Auburn; Rolijah Hardy, third year, Indiana.
Cornerbacks: Leonard Moore, third year, Notre Dame; Ellis Robinson IV, third year, Georgia.
Safeties: KJ Bolden, third year, Georgia; Koi Perich, third year, Oregon.
Defensive back: Bray Hubbard, fourth year, Alabama.
Punter: Evan Crenshaw, fifth year, Troy.

Second-team defense

Edge: Anthony Smith, fifth season, Minnesota; John Henry Daley, fourth year, Michigan.
Tackles: Tyrique Tucker, fifth year, Indiana; Will Echoles, third year, Mississippi.
Linebackers: Sammy Brown, third year, Clemson; Raylen Wilson, fourth year, Georgia; Kyngstonn Viliamu-Asa, third year, Notre Dame.
Cornerbacks: Brandon Finney Jr., second year, Oregon; Zabien Brown, third year, Alabama.
Safeties: Brauntae Johnson, third year, Notre Dame; Ty Benefield, fourth year, LSU.
Defensive back: Kelley Jones, fourth year, Mississippi State.
Punter: Palmer Williams, fourth year, Baylor.

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1 p.m.	**San Diego at New York Mets** » MLB Network
6:30 p.m.	**Toronto at Tampa Bay** » MLB Network
6:35 p.m.	**New York Yankees at Baltimore** » MASN, WIYY (97.9 FM), WSBN (630 AM)
8:05 p.m.	**Washington at Texas** » Nationals.TV, WJFK (106.7 FM)

WNBA

7:30 p.m.	**Toronto at Washington** » Monumental Sports Network, WTEM (980 AM)
10 p.m.	**Minnesota at Golden State** » USA Network

SOCCER

6 p.m.	**Copa Libertadores round of 16, second leg: Palmeiras at Cerro Porteño** » BeIN Sports
7 p.m.	**Canadian Premier League: Supra du Québec at Forge** » Fox Sports 2
7:30 p.m.	**MLS: New England at D.C. United** » Apple TV
8 p.m.	**MLS: St. Louis City at Sporting KC** » Fox Sports 1
8 p.m.	**NWSL: Chicago at Houston** » CBS Sports Network
8:30 p.m.	**Copa Sudamericana round of 16, second leg: Santa Fe at River Plate** » BeIN Sports
10 p.m.	**USL Championship: Colorado Springs at Phoenix** » CBS Sports Network
10:30 p.m.	**MLS: San Jose at LA Galaxy** » Fox Sports 1

TENNIS

11 a.m.	**ATP/WTA: Cincinnati Open, early rounds** » Tennis Channel

HORSE RACING

9:30 a.m.	**International Stakes (post time 10:35 a.m.)** » Fox Sports 2

FIELD HOCKEY

8 a.m.	**FIH Women's World Championship, group stage: Germany vs. United States** » CBS Sports Network

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL WORLD SERIES

1 p.m.	**Nicaragua vs. Dominican Republic** » ESPN
3 p.m.	**Washington vs. Alabama** » ESPN
5 p.m.	**British Columbia vs. South Korea** » ESPN
7 p.m.	**Massachusetts vs. New Jersey** » ESPN

PRO BASKETBALL

Jeanie Buss's siblings are committed to sale

Five of the six children of former Los Angeles Lakers owner **Jerry Buss** still intend to sell their remaining minority ownership of the NBA team despite the opposition of their sister, **Jeanie**.

Johnny, **Jimmy**, **Janie**, **Joey** and **Jesse Buss** reiterated their stance Tuesday in a statement issued to ESPN, saying they "intend to move forward thoughtfully, respectfully and through the appropriate process."

The five Buss siblings said Monday they had voted to sell the family trust's remaining 17.8 percent stake to **Josh Kushner** and **Bob Iger**, who are acquiring majority ownership from **Mark Walter**.

Jeanie Buss announced her intention to fight back against the plan later Monday through a letter from her attorney. She claims the siblings can't sell the trust's ownership shares without her approval.

If the five siblings are able to sell their remaining ownership, Jeanie Buss would no longer be able to serve as the Lakers' governor, a position she is scheduled to hold until at least 2030 under the deal struck with Walter last year when he purchased majority control of the team at a valuation of $10 billion. …

The home of the Phoenix Suns is getting a very visible upgrade as it prepares to host the 2027 NBA All-Star Game.

The team said it is installing an LED display on the exterior of Mortgage Matchup Center that will measure 226 feet wide by 41 feet tall, making it the only NBA or WNBA arena with a transparent display that large. …

The WNBA All-Star Game is coming to the Bay Area.

Commissioner **Cathy Engelbert** said the league's showcase game will be held July 31, 2027, at the Golden State Valkyries' Chase Center in San Francisco after a weekend of all-star activities around the region. …

Kelsey Mitchell had 16 points in the first quarter and finished with 29 before sitting out the fourth, **Caitlin Clark** added 24 points, and the Indiana Fever beat the host Toronto Tempo, 101-95, for their fifth straight win.

Clark and Mitchell have each scored 20 or more in the same game 16 times this season, a WNBA record. Mitchell also scored 20-plus points for the 20th consecutive game, matching the Las Vegas Aces' **A'ja Wilson** for the longest such streak in WNBA history.

But after Mitchell scored eight points in the span of less than a minute late in the third quarter, she went to the locker room and did not return. Fever Coach **Stephanie White** said Mitchell got "overheated."

SOCCER

Infantino put on blast after executive's ouster

Norway's soccer federation president accused FIFA of fear tactics for the removal of a senior official who publicly opposed FIFA leader **Gianni Infantino**'s now-withdrawn World Cup sell-off plan.

Lise Klaveness, who has led the Norwegian Football Federation since 2022, told the Associated Press that FIFA's firing of chief operating officer **Kevin Lamour** was "unacceptable" and urged other senior leaders to resist potentially damaging orders.

Lamour's exit late Monday came 17 days after his statement to AP criticizing Infantino's $20 billion private equity project, which was withdrawn just hours later.

"Now he is thrown out, and we are supposed to move on. It's unacceptable, it's management by fear," Klaveness told the AP in a telephone interview, describing Lamour as "the best football administrator I have ever met."

"Now we also have to call upon FIFA leadership and the administration to not submit to orders you know are not in the interests of football," Klaveness added, especially targeting FIFA secretary general **Mattias Grafström**. …

Bayern Munich midfielder **Jamal Musiala** said he's dealing with a neurological issue but doing well despite collapsing during a preseason game at Heidenheim, three days after a similar incident against Leipzig. …

Italy's Juventus completed the loan signing of **Guglielmo Vicario** from Tottenham, ending a goalkeeper search that dragged on for most of the offseason. …

Newly promoted French side Le Mans signed veteran defender **Djibril Sidibe** on a two-year contract with the option for an extra year. …

Sporting Kansas City signed Brazilian forward **Andre Luiz** as a designated player to a five-year contract for what the MLS club called a club-record transfer fee from Greek club Olympiacos FC. …

Former Union defender **Mark McKenzie** is heading back to his original professional team as Philadelphia finalizes the transfer of the U.S. men's national team player from Toulouse, the Athletic and ESPN reported. …

Senegal hired **Patrick Vieira** as its coach to replace **Pape Thiaw**, who was fired after the team was eliminated from the World Cup in the round of 32.

Senegal announced the news without giving any details of the length of the 50-year-old Vieira's contract.

TENNIS

Venus Williams joins U.S. Open singles field

Venus Williams was given a U.S. Open singles wild card, and the tournament is keeping one on hold — perhaps in case her sister wants to join her.

Sloane Stephens, the 2017 U.S. Open champion, was one of six other women to receive a wild card, and the U.S. Tennis Association said the final one is still to be announced.

That almost certainly would go to **Serena Williams**, if she decides she wants to return to the tournament at 44.

Headlining the wild-card recipients on the men's side were 39-year-old **Gael Monfils**, a past U.S. Open semifinalist who is set to play his final Grand Slam tournament before retiring, and Australian **Alexei Popyrin**, who upset **Novak Djokovic** in 2024 on the way to the fourth round.

One spot is also being held among the eight men's wild cards. **Stan Wawrinka**, the 2016 champion at Flushing Meadows who at 41 is playing his final season, could be a candidate for that.

Also receiving women's wild cards were **Carol Young Suh Lee**, **Reese Brantmeier**, **Thea Frodin**, **Leolia Jeanjean** and **Taylah Preston**.

The other men receiving wild cards were two-time reigning NCAA singles champion **Michael Zheng**, **Martin Damm**, **J.J. Wolf**, **Sebastian Gorzny** and **Jack Kennedy**. …

World number nine **Elina Svitolina** withdrew from the Cincinnati Open ahead of her third-round match with a right ankle injury.

China's **Wang Xiyu** advanced to the final 16 via a walkover and will face **Madison Keys**.

In the men's draw in Mason, Ohio, No. 27 seed **Brandon Nakashima** wiped away three match points and rallied to upset fourth-seeded **Daniil Medvedev** of Russia, 6-7 (7-3), 7-6 (7-4), 6-1.

The laid-back Californian, who reached the DC Open semifinals last month, has knocked off top-20 players **Jakub Mensik**, **Alex de Minaur**, **Rafael Jodar** and now Medvedev in the past three weeks.

Nakashima will face Portugal's **Nuno Borges** in the fourth round. Borges upset 13th-seeded Russian **Andrey Rublev**, 6-3, 6-4.

COLLEGES

Former Terp Edwards named UNC's starter

North Carolina football named Wisconsin transfer **Billy Edwards Jr.** its starting quarterback, according to multiple reports.

Edwards won a "close battle" with Texas A&M transfer **Miles O'Neill**, ESPN's **Pete Thamel** first revealed.

In 2024, Edwards threw for 15 touchdowns and nine interceptions during a 2,881-yard season at Maryland. After transferring to Wisconsin, he spent most of last season on the sidelines with a PCL strain in his left knee. …

Texas star left tackle **Trevor Goosby** was diagnosed with a bone bruise on his left knee, ESPN reported.

Per the network, Goosby underwent an MRI exam after sustaining the injury during Monday's practice — with the timeline for recovery to be decided in the near future. …

UAB athletic director **Mark Ingram** is leaving after 11 years, with his departure announced by the university as an agreement to "part ways."

Andy Kennedy, the men's basketball coach, will be UAB's interim athletic director during the search for Ingram's replacement.

BASEBALL

Padres coach detained by immigration officers

A Venezuelan former baseball player working for the San Diego Padres was detained by U.S. immigration officers after arriving in Texas on a work trip for the club, his family said.

Oswaldo Pirela, a catching coach in San Diego's minor league system, was being held in a detention center in El Paso, federal records show. The Padres said in a statement that the team was aware of Pirela's arrest and was trying to gather more details.

Pirela was on a work trip when he was arrested Sunday around 5 a.m. at an airport in El Paso, according to **Daniela Pirela**, his sister. The Padres have a minor league affiliate team in the city, the El Paso Chihuahuas.

AUTO RACING

Ga. man faces charges in Biffle home burglary

A Georgia man is accused of burglarizing **Greg Biffle**'s North Carolina home after learning the former NASCAR driver and his family died in a plane crash.

Terrell Williams, 44, was charged with second-degree burglary, safe cracking, money laundering and other felonies, Iredell County Sheriff **Darren Campbell** said at a news conference. …

Alex Albon will remain at Williams through the 2027 season after signing a one-year contract extension, the British Formula One team said.

GOLF

LIV slashes prize pool ahead of season finale

LIV Golf slashed the prize pool for this week's season-ending event in Indianapolis as some players are still awaiting payments from the previous tournament, according to multiple reports.

Instead of a $20 million purse for the individual competition in Westfield, Indiana, Bunkered reported that only $10.1 million will be up for grabs, with $2.02 million going to the winner instead of the standard $4 million.

According to Golf.com, teams will compete for a $30 million prize pool, down from $50 million in 2025.

— From news services

CHARLES KRUPA/AP

Patriots right tackle Morgan Moses, who missed six games across 2023 and 2024, didn't miss a start last season. That was thanks in part to a new program the team made.

For linemen, age is increasingly just a number

BY KYLE HIGHTOWER

At 34 years old, in his 12th pro season and with his fourth team, right tackle Morgan Moses was the old man in his first year on the New England Patriots' offensive line last season. It didn't stop him from starting all 21 games the Patriots played during their Super Bowl run.

A big reason? New England meticulously crafted a program for him that featured less practice and lots of off-field treatment to preserve him for games. It's part of a trend teams are employing to extend the careers of the NFL's biggest players.

"I played all 21 games last year, so it worked," Moses said of the plan instituted by Coach Mike Vrabel and the Patriots' sports performance staff.

With three-time defensive player of the year Aaron Donald flirting with coming out of retirement, and increasing advances in sports medicine and technology, it has raised the question: Could 35 be the new 30 for linemen if managed properly?

Signing a contract in the NFL typically comes with a not-so-subtle reminder to players about the unofficial acronym attached to the league: Not For Long.

High injury rates in the violent sport — combined with constant competition for roster spots — contribute to an average career lifespan of just three to four years, according to the NFL Players Association, putting it atop the list for the shortest among major professional sports leagues.

Because they take fewer hits, quarterbacks and kickers — notably Tom Brady and George Blanda — have regularly played into their late 30s and early 40s. But the window is often the tightest for linemen, who absorb dozens of hits over the course of a game.

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Eagles right tackle Lane Johnson, 36, is planning to retire after this season: "You can't play forever."

Still, last season 12 offensive and defensive linemen (six each) who were 35 years or older started at least one game — the first time that number has reached double digits since 2002.

Since being drafted in 2014, Moses has been one of the NFL's most durable linemen, appearing in every regular season game for eight consecutive seasons from 2015 through 2022 for the Washington Commanders, New York Jets and Baltimore Ravens.

Injuries contributed to him missing six games across the next two seasons.

So, it didn't take a lot of prodding when the idea of crafting a tailored load management program for him was raised soon after he joined New England as a free agent in 2024.

Moses didn't participate in the on-field portion of minicamp this spring. He also was among a group of veteran players who have gotten days off at times.

"It's hard, but you understand that coach Vrabel has done it at a high level himself on both sides as a coach and as a football player," Moses said. "And, obviously, being able to go through that last year a little bit is kind of eye-opening and kind of lets you know what he's trying to see."

It's a similar situation for San Francisco 49ers offensive tackle Trent Williams.

The 38-year-old's offseason routine has evolved, though there have been constants such as focusing on trimming body fat yearly. This past offseason, he worked on maintaining explosiveness.

"It's just a feel thing," Williams said. "Once you start to get into that countdown and you kind of see where your body is … you think, 'I might need a little bit more of this.'"

Over the past 25 seasons, the number of offensive and defensive linemen 35 or older to start at least one game each season represents a U-shaped curve graphically.

It coincides with three trends that have taken place over that time.

The first period, from 2001 to 2005, marked a heyday for veteran linemen playing late into their 30s and beyond, such as Pro Football Hall of Famers Bruce Matthews and Bruce Smith, both of whom played to age 40. In that five-year period, an average of 10.2 linemen started a game at 35-plus each season, peaking in 2001 at 16 (11 offensive, five defensive).

But beginning in 2006, teams began building rosters by signing less expensive rookies over pricier veterans, opting for younger players equipped to play in a faster game.

The belt-tightening carried through 2019, with the 35 or older average for linemen dropping to 3.1 per season. Some outliers remained, such as two-time all-pro Andrew Whitworth, who at age 40 in 2021 became the oldest offensive lineman to start and win a Super Bowl.

The past six years, the average is back up to six per season. Players across the board — particularly linemen — are benefiting from teams upgrading practice facilities with state-of-the-art recovery equipment.

It is a huge part of the upgrades in the Patriots' new $95 million New Balance Athletic Center.

In March, 49ers General Manager John Lynch said the club was investing $9 million to upgrade its rehabilitation and recovery facilities, most notably in hydrotherapy.

"That's like basically going to be home for the next six months," Williams said.

At this stage of his career, it's also important for Moses to be willing to mentor players such as offensive lineman Caleb Lomu, the Patriots' first-round pick in April.

"I'm just getting old, man. I'm 35," Moses said. "Caleb's been a big addition to our offensive line, and just getting him comfortable and … letting him understand that we're going to work together."

Philadelphia Eagles right tackle Lane Johnson, 36, is a two-time all-pro selection and a six-time Pro Bowler, and he's also embracing the elder role.

But while he's proud to be among the latest group to lengthen the career timeline for linemen, he's said this will be his last NFL season.

"You can't play forever," he said. "Not everybody can do what LeBron James is doing."

— Associated Press

Josh Dubow contributed to this report.

As his wife makes a recovery, Chiefs' Bieniemy returns to the grind

BIENIEMY FROM **B7**

to give Big Red the phone. Bieniemy proceeded to remind Reid to get on one of his players for a seemingly minor coaching point.

"I was yelling at the screen, yelling at players, yelling at coaches — 'What the hell are we doing?!' I'm yelling at myself, 'Why would you put that play in!?'" Bieniemy said, smiling. "At the end of the day, I was making sure I was keeping up with what was going on."

At the same time, he was driving Mia and the rest of the family crazy. "So she was like, 'You have my blessing to leave,'" Eric said, "so it was time to get back."

Elijah Bieniemy has been charged with malicious wounding, the use of a firearm in commission of a felony and discharge of a firearm inside a dwelling. His court appearances remain delayed pending a mental health evaluation.

"I'd like to say thank you to the Hunt family, the entire Chiefs family for the outpouring [of] love and support that my family has received through this particular situation," Eric Bieniemy said.

CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

"She's truly a soldier," Eric Bieniemy said of his wife. "She's a saint. And it's been incredible to watch."

"And with all that said, we're back to football."

Bieniemy is universally beloved within the Kansas City locker room. He was part of coaching staffs that helped the Chiefs reach three Super Bowls and win two, and he helped to set the foundation for the dynasty to come.

When he left a few years ago to serve as the Washington Commanders' offensive coordinator, it was in the hopes that calling his own plays could lead to an NFL head coaching job. But Washington struggled in his lone season there, and Bieniemy ended up spending a season at UCLA. Last season, he coached the running backs for the Chicago Bears.

He returned to Kansas City to replace Matt Nagy, who left to become the offensive coordinator of the New York Giants.

"Obviously it's great to have him back. We missed him and prayed for his family when he was out," Chiefs linebacker Nick Bolton said. "But to have a guy like that come back to the field, man, a competitor — it brings out the best in us."

NOTES

Campbell speaks after death of mother

FROM NEWS SERVICES

NFL veteran Calais Campbell knew he wanted to keep playing, even after a family tragedy this summer resulting in his mother's death and his brother being charged with murder.

"I love the game of football a lot … it brings me joy," the 39-year-old Baltimore Ravens defensive lineman said Tuesday in his first public remarks since his mother's death. "It was a little harder training, but as far as football goes, I love this game a lot. And this is a very fun place for me to be."

The Ravens signed the six-time Pro Bowler in April to a one-year deal for his 19th NFL season.

In late June, police found Campbell's 71-year-old mother dead at her home in Atlanta during a welfare check. Her 41-year-old son, Ciarre Campbell, was charged with murder after he was found with a knife, according to arrest warrants. The family told police that Ciarre struggles with mental illness.

Baltimore permitted Calais Campbell to miss the first few full-team practices of training camp. He participated in his first team session Aug. 3, five days after the Ravens opened full-team camp.

"These last couple months have been pretty tough for me and my family, but we're working through it," Campbell said. "And I really appreciate all the love and support and the prayers that have been coming from all over, really, from all the NFL community."

• **CHARGERS:** Center Tyler Biadasz was carted off the field with a left leg injury during Los Angeles' joint practice with the San Francisco 49ers.

Biadasz, whom the Washington Commanders released in February, went down after 49ers defensive tackle Sebastian Valdez fell into his leg during an 11-on-11 drill.

After Biadasz got hurt, rookie Jake Slaughter took reps at center. The second-round pick out of Florida has mostly been playing at left guard during training camp.

• **JETS:** Running back Breece Hall will be sidelined two to three weeks with a strained groin, but he is expected to be ready to play in New York's regular season opener.

Hall caught a pass late in practice Monday, pulled up and fell to the rain-slicked grass. Coach Aaron Glenn said that tests confirmed that the injury isn't serious and won't sideline the Jets' No. 1 running back for long.

• **DOLPHINS:** Miami's wide receiver room could receive a boost soon with the return of rookie Chris Bell, who has been sidelined for much of training camp while recovering from an ACL injury sustained in college.

Bell participated in practice for the second straight day after being activated from the nonfootball injury list Monday.

• **BILLS:** Buffalo added experience and depth to its defensive front by signing Greg Gaines. …

Wide receiver Keon Coleman, who was spotted wearing a walking boot while sitting out practice, has a sprained foot/toe, NFL Network reported.

• **PACKERS:** Running back Josh Jacobs, who had been sidelined for nearly two weeks by a groin injury, returned to practice for Green Bay.

• **BEARS:** Running back Kyle Monangai is "week-to-week" with a hyperextended right knee, Chicago Coach Ben Johnson said.

• **SAINTS:** Rookie wide receiver Jordyn Tyson could be out for the next two months after sustaining a hamstring last week, multiple outlets reported.

• **COLTS:** Indianapolis bolstered its receiving corps by signing Keenan Allen to a one-year contract worth up to $8.32 million, a person with knowledge of the deal told the Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because team officials had not announced the deal.

• **GIANTS:** Veteran running back Najee Harris signed with New York, though Coach John Harbaugh said it would take him 2-3 weeks to be game ready.

The Giants released veteran wide receiver JuJu Smith-Schuster in a corresponding move.

• **PATRIOTS:** New England signed veteran guard Greg Van Roten to a one-year, $3 million contract, NFL Network reported.

• **FALCONS:** Atlanta signed defensive end Za'Darius Smith, who had been expected to join the Cleveland Browns.

BASEBALL

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Atlanta	74	52	.587	—	4-6	L-2
Philadelphia	69	58	.543	5½	7-3	W-5
Miami	64	63	.504	10½	6-4	L-2
Washington	60	67	.472	14½	4-6	L-4
New York	57	70	.449	17½	6-4	L-1

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Milwaukee	78	48	.619	—	6-4	W-3
x-Chicago	73	53	.579	5	6-4	W-1
St. Louis	65	62	.512	13½	7-3	W-1
Pittsburgh	62	66	.484	17	5-5	W-1
Cincinnati	60	66	.476	18	4-6	L-1

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
x-Los Angeles	75	51	.595	—	6-4	W-1
San Diego	68	59	.535	7½	8-2	W-1
Arizona	66	61	.520	9½	4-6	L-3
San Francisco	51	74	.408	23½	3-7	L-2
x-Colorado	50	75	.400	24½	5-5	L-1

x-Late game

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Tampa Bay	75	50	.600	—	6-4	L-1
New York	70	55	.560	5	6-4	W-2
Boston	68	58	.540	7½	4-6	W-2
Toronto	62	65	.488	14	7-3	W-1
Baltimore	61	65	.484	14½	5-5	L-2

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
x-Chicago	65	59	.524	—	6-4	L-1
Minnesota	62	65	.488	4½	4-6	W-2
Cleveland	61	65	.484	5	4-6	W-1
Detroit	61	65	.484	5	5-5	L-1
Kansas City	53	74	.417	13½	5-5	W-3

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Houston	63	63	.500	—	4-6	L-3
Texas	62	64	.492	1	4-6	W-1
Seattle	59	67	.468	4	3-7	L-1
Los Angeles	50	76	.397	13	5-5	W-1
Athletics	49	77	.389	14	4-6	L-2

x-Late game

Rangers 5, Nationals 0

NATIONALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Abrams dh	4	0	2	0	0	2	.280
Ortiz 1b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.279
Chaparro ph-1b	1	0	1	0	0	0	.232
House 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.236
Tena ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.235
Lile lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.245
Crews rf	3	0	1	0	1	0	.212
Vivas 2b-3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.241
Pinckney ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.273
Ford c	4	0	1	0	0	3	.212
Nuñez ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	.228
Young cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.249
TOTALS	34	0	7	0	1	9	—

RANGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Langford lf	4	2	2	0	1	0	.257
Kelenic lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.232
Seager ss	4	1	2	0	0	0	.208
Burger 1b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.239
Nimmo rf	4	1	2	1	0	0	.273
Duran 2b	3	0	1	0	1	2	.264
Foscue dh	1	1	1	2	1	0	.257
Pederson ph-dh	2	0	0	0	0	0	.242
Jansen c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.165
Freeman 3b	3	0	2	1	1	1	.280
Carter cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.193
TOTALS	33	5	11	4	4	8	—

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LOB: Washington 8, Texas 8. **2B:** Abrams (24), Chaparro (9), Seager (9). **HR:** Foscue (8), off Kent. **RBI:** Foscue 2 (23), Nimmo (48), Freeman (1).

NATIONALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Kent	3⅔	8	5	5	3	3	84	9.39
Williams	3⅓	2	0	0	1	5	51	1.84
Cruz	1	1	0	0	0	0	14	5.79

RANGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Quantrill	7	4	0	0	0	5	91	3.13
Ahlstrom	⅔	2	0	0	0	2	17	4.82
Junis	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	3	2.98
Alexander	1	1	0	0	1	1	23	3.29

WP: Quantrill (5-4); **LP:** Kent (0-1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Williams 2-0, Junis 2-0. ABS Challenge_Williams (Ball-Overturned to Strike) **T:** 2:34. **A:** 22,126 (40,000).

HOW THEY SCORED

RANGERS FIRST
Wyatt Langford singles. Corey Seager singles, Wyatt Langford to third. **Jake Burger grounds out, Corey Seager out at second, Wyatt Langford scores.** Brandon Nimmo pops out.
Rangers 1, Nationals 0
RANGERS SECOND
Ezequiel Duran strikes out swinging. **Justin Foscue homers.** Danny Jansen lines out. Cody Freeman walks. Evan Carter lines out.
Rangers 2, Nationals 0
RANGERS THIRD
Wyatt Langford singles. Corey Seager doubles, Wyatt Langford to third. Jake Burger strikes out swinging. **Brandon Nimmo hits into a force out, Corey Seager to third, Wyatt Langford scores.** Ezequiel Duran walks, Brandon Nimmo to second. **Justin Foscue walks, Ezequiel Duran to second, Brandon Nimmo to third, Corey Seager scores.** Danny Jansen pops out. **Cody Freeman singles, Justin Foscue to second, Ezequiel Duran to third, Brandon Nimmo scores.** Evan Carter called out on strikes.
Rangers 5, Nationals 0

NATIONALS' LEADERS

Entering Tuesday's game.

BATTERS	AVG	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO
Ortiz	.300	12	5	9	1	10
Pinckney	.300	3	1	2	1	3
Wiemer	.286	20	3	12	12	29
García	.283	101	23	76	16	61
Abrams	.278	128	29	91	46	121
Ruiz	.275	72	7	41	13	33
Wood	.265	116	30	73	90	153
Mead	.254	72	17	48	39	62
Young	.251	85	10	43	25	63
Lile	.245	116	15	65	29	96
Vivas	.244	55	3	20	29	38
House	.239	54	9	31	15	71
Tena	.236	51	6	21	21	72
Nuñez	.228	81	1	34	44	85
Chaparro	.225	25	7	29	16	31
Crews	.211	58	10	27	20	73
Ford	.208	10	2	7	7	15
Millas	.185	24	2	11	14	37

PITCHERS	W	L	ERA	IP	ER	BB	SO
Dion	1	0	0.00	8	0	2	8
Yean	0	1	1.80	10	2	2	6
Fernández	0	0	2.25	4	1	2	3
Williams	0	0	2.38	11.1	3	2	14
Poulin	3	0	2.70	36.2	11	21	25
Griffin	12	3	3.06	129.1	44	30	116
Cavalli	10	5	3.36	136.2	51	41	151
Ribalta	0	2	3.41	37	14	14	33
Beeter	5	3	3.55	38	15	24	39
Alvarez	2	4	3.72	75	31	33	69
Cosgrove	0	2	3.75	12	5	3	10
Lovelady	1	3	3.91	23	10	17	21
Lord	5	2	4.04	62.1	28	25	57
Lawrence	0	0	4.26	6.1	3	7	6
Littell	7	8	4.97	112.1	62	35	70
Cornelio	2	1	5.40	20	12	20	20
Irvin	2	7	5.80	71.1	46	31	72
Mikolas	3	9	5.82	116	75	23	58
Pérez	2	3	6.19	16	11	11	9
Bird	0	0	6.23	4.1	3	2	6
Schultz	1	2	6.40	32.1	23	12	32
Parker	3	3	6.58	39.2	29	13	34
Z.Kent	0	0	6.75	10.2	8	2	9
Waldichuk	0	0	6.75	9.1	7	6	8
J.Kent	0	0	6.75	4	3	5	6
Varland	1	2	6.82	31.2	24	15	30
Kranick	0	0	6.94	11.2	9	6	7
Palmquist	0	2	7.71	16.1	14	8	15
Krook	0	1	7.71	4.2	4	6	4
Henry	0	2	7.90	13.2	12	7	15
Granillo	0	0	9.64	9.1	10	8	3
Cruz	0	1	15.00	3	5	5	4
Vivas	0	0	16.88	2.2	5	1	0

NL WILD-CARD STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct	WCGB
x-Chi. Cubs	73	53	.579	+5½
Philadelphia	69	58	.543	+1
San Diego	68	59	.535	—
Arizona	66	61	.520	2
St. Louis	65	62	.512	3
Miami	64	63	.504	4

AL WILD-CARD STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct	WCGB
New York	70	55	.560	+8½
Boston	68	58	.540	+6
Texas	62	64	.492	—
Minnesota	62	65	.488	½
Toronto	62	65	.488	½
Baltimore	61	65	.484	1
Cleveland	61	65	.484	1
Detroit	61	65	.484	1
Seattle	59	67	.468	3

NL leaders

Entering Tuesday's games.

BATTING

Arraez, Phi	.314
Lopez, Mia	.310
Gonzales, Pit	.308
Moreno, Ari	.307
Freeman, LA	.302
Ohtani, LA	.295

ERA

Misiorowski, Mil	1.748
Sale, Atl	2.163
Burns, Cin	2.473
Sánchez, Phi	2.505
Yamamoto, LA	2.601
Rodriguez, Ari	2.712

AL leaders

Entering Tuesday's games.

BATTING

Alvarez, Hou	.321
Simpson, TB	.309
Díaz, TB	.304
Jung, Tex	.294
Rafaela, Bos	.288

ERA

Schlittler, NY	2.191
Cease, Tor	2.419
Messick, Cle	2.593
Gray, Bos	2.646
Martinez, TB	2.739
Rasmussen, TB	2.784
Burke, Chi	3.150

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First pitch swinging

Fernando Tatis Jr. celebrates with Padres teammate Ty France after hitting a leadoff home run on the first pitch of Tuesday's game against the Mets at Citi Field. The right fielder added a second homer in the fifth and climbed the right field wall to rob Mets shortstop Francisco Lindor of a grand slam.

Padres 5, Mets 2

Fernando Tatis Jr. robbed Francisco Lindor of a grand slam and slugged two homers, leading San Diego to a win over New York.

Tatis hit the first pitch from Zac Thornton 452 feet into the second deck for his team-record 18th career leadoff homer.

PADRES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Tatis rf	5	2	2	3	0	1	.280
Rengifo lf	2	0	0	0	2	0	.243
Bowen pr-lf	1	1	1	0	0	0	.169
Machado 3b	4	1	3	1	1	1	.217
France 1b	5	0	1	1	0	2	.290
Merrill cf	4	0	0	0	0	4	.242
Bogaerts ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.219
Hays dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	.241
Fermin c	4	0	1	0	0	0	.194
Cronenworth 2b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.227
TOTALS	37	5	10	5	3	10	—

METS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Lindor ss	5	0	0	0	0	2	.239
Bichette 3b	5	0	2	0	0	2	.268
Robert cf	4	1	1	1	0	1	.215
Benge rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.270
Alvarez dh	3	0	0	0	1	1	.243
Morel 1b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.169
Semien 2b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.208
Ewing lf	3	0	0	0	1	3	.247
Torrens c	3	1	2	1	0	0	.243
Young ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.266
TOTALS	34	2	6	2	4	10	—

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E: Bogaerts (9), Bichette (11). **LOB:** San Diego 8, New York 9. **2B:** Bichette 2 (21). **HR:** Tatis 2 (15), off Thornton; Machado (24), off Núñez; Torrens (7), off Ray; Robert (7), off Morejon.

PADRES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ray	6	3	1	1	3	4	3.20
Rodriguez	⅓	1	0	0	0	1	2.08
Morejon	1⅔	2	1	1	1	3	2.78
Miller	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.86

METS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Thornton	5	6	3	3	1	7	3.04
Weisenburger	1⅓	1	1	1	2	1	2.08
Yan	⅔	1	0	0	0	1	1.59
Núñez	2	2	1	1	0	1	10.1

WP: Ray (11-7); **LP:** Thornton (3-4); **S:** Miller (31). **Inherited runners-scored:** Morejon 2-0, Yan 2-1. ABS Challenge_Ray (Ball-Overturned to Strike) **T:** 3:03. **A:** 35,508 (42,136).

Pirates 4, Tigers 1

Braxton Ashcraft worked eight efficient innings, Oneil Cruz homered in his return from the injured list, and Pittsburgh beat Detroit.

Ashcraft struck out four while throwing just 80 pitches.

Mason Montgomery worked the ninth for his fifth save.

TIGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Torres 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.270
McGonigle 3b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.281
Keith dh	3	0	1	0	0	0	.270
Dingler ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.257
Valencia c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.362
McKinstry rf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.221
Lee ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.274
Torkelson 1b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.226
Callahan lf	3	1	2	1	0	0	.444
Clark cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.258
Báez ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	.255
TOTALS	32	1	5	1	0	6	—

PIRATES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Horwitz 1b	3	0	1	1	0	1	.260
Lowe 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.252
Reynolds dh	4	0	1	1	0	0	.261
E.Valdez rf	3	1	0	0	1	1	.250
Cook lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.188
Cruz cf	3	1	1	2	0	2	.265
Mangum lf-rf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.299
Flores c	3	1	1	0	0	1	.283
Gonzalez ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	.226
Triolo 3b	3	1	1	0	0	0	.241
TOTALS	29	4	6	4	1	5	—

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E: Lowe (11). **LOB:** Detroit 4, Pittsburgh 3. **2B:** Flores (2). **HR:** Callahan (1), off Ashcraft; Cruz (15), off Montero.

TIGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Montero	5	4	3	3	1	3	3.30
Madden	2	1	1	1	0	2	2.72
De Jesús	1	1	0	0	0	0	3.86

PIRATES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ashcraft	8	5	1	1	0	4	3.68
Montgomery	1	0	0	0	0	2	3.47

WP: Ashcraft (13-5); **LP:** Montero (9-8); **S:** Montgomery (5). **Inherited runners-scored:** De Jesús 1-1. **HBP:** De Jesús (Horwitz). ABS Challenge_Horwitz (Strike-Overturned to Ball) Pitch timer violations_Madden (pitcher). **T:** 2:02. **A:** 20,222 (38,753).

Cardinals 3, Reds 0

Masyn Winn hit a home run and doubled twice, and Kyle Leahy gave up three hits and struck out six in five innings as St. Louis beat Cincinnati.

Riley O'Brien pitched the ninth for his 32nd save. It was the 12th time the Reds have been shut out this season and the Cardinals' ninth shutout win.

CARDINALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Wetherholt 2b	5	0	0	0	0	2	.241
Herrera dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.246
Walker rf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.289
Burleson 1b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.289
Báez lf	3	0	0	1	0	1	.143
Church cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.234
Jordan 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.247
Winn ss	4	2	3	1	0	0	.241
Fermín cf-lf	3	0	1	1	1	0	.239
Pereira lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.234
Pagés c	3	0	1	0	1	1	.210
TOTALS	34	3	7	3	2	8	—

REDS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
De La Cruz ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.259
Stewart 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.258
Bleday lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.220
Suárez dh	3	0	0	0	1	2	.208
Stephenson c	3	0	0	0	0	3	.245
Myers cf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.260
McLain 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.192
Rodríguez rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.097
Hayes 3b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.149
TOTALS	30	0	3	0	1	9	—

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E: De La Cruz (15). **LOB:** St. Louis 7, Cincinnati 4. **2B:** Winn 2 (19), Fermín (12), Burleson (33). **HR:** Winn (5), off Abbott.

CARDINALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Leahy	5	3	0	0	0	6	3.24
Stanek	1	0	0	0	0	0	4.38
Graceffo	1	0	0	0	1	1	3.16
Soriano	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.58
O'Brien	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.96

REDS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Abbott	6⅓	4	2	2	2	6	4.07
Maxwell	2⅔	3	1	1	0	2	8.53

WP: Leahy (10-4); **LP:** Abbott (6-8); **S:** O'Brien (32). **Inherited runners-scored:** Maxwell 1-0. ABS Challenge_Bleday (Strike-Overturned to Ball). **T:** 2:24. **A:** 21,757 (43,891).

Guardians 8, Giants 1

Jo Adell set a career high with six RBI and hit a 455-foot, three-run homer in the first inning as Cleveland defeated San Francisco.

Adell and José Ramírez had three hits apiece for the Guardians, who won for only the fifth time in 15 games this month.

GIANTS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Cox cf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.286
Devers dh	4	0	0	0	0	3	.244
Bericoto rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.257
Eldridge 1b	4	1	2	1	0	2	.250
Basabe 2b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.268
Kennedy 3b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.111
Hill ph	1	0	1	0	0	0	.286
Gilbert lf	3	0	0	0	1	2	.240
Knizner c	3	0	0	0	0	2	.000
Koss ss	3	0	1	0	0	1	.202
TOTALS	32	1	7	1	2	12	—

GUARDIANS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Kwan cf-lf	3	3	1	0	2	2	.266
Ramírez 3b	5	2	3	0	0	0	.241
Adell rf	4	1	3	6	0	1	.237
Halpin cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.221
Martínez lf-rf	4	1	1	1	0	0	.238
Hoskins 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.179
Genao 2b	3	0	2	0	1	0	.324
Bazzana dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.232
Bailey c	4	0	0	1	0	1	.183
Rocchio ss	4	1	1	0	0	2	.253
TOTALS	36	8	12	8	3	8	—

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E: Gilbert (2), Eldridge (1). **LOB:** San Francisco 6, Cleveland 7. **2B:** Koss (4), Hill (1), Genao (2), Ramírez (20), Martínez (17). **HR:** Eldridge (14), off Griffin; Adell (19), off Whisenhunt.

GIANTS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Whisenhunt	4	9	7	6	2	1	7.03
Harris	2	1	0	0	0	5	7.71
Sanmartin	2	2	1	0	1	2	7.45

GUARDIANS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Griffin	6	5	1	1	2	6	3.18
Festa	1⅓	1	0	0	0	3	3.93
Herrin	1	0	0	0	0	2	3.59
Yoho	⅔	1	0	0	0	1	4.85

WP: Griffin (14-4); **LP:** Whisenhunt (3-4). **Inherited runners-scored:** Herrin 1-0. ABS Challenge_Kwan (Strike-Overturned to Ball) **T:** 2:37. **A:** 21,309 (34,788).

Yankees 3, Orioles 1

YANKEES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Grisham cf	4	1	2	3	0	1	.224
Rice dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	.249
Ramos lf	3	0	0	0	1	2	.242
García 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.275
Jones rf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.211
Chisholm 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.214
Lombard ss	4	1	2	0	0	1	.293
McMahon 3b	1	0	0	0	1	1	.215
Goldschmidt ph	0	0	0	0	1	0	.247
Caballero pr-3b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.242
Wells c	2	0	0	0	0	0	.177
Rosario ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.226
Sánchez c	1	0	0	0	0	0	.262
TOTALS	32	3	5	3	3	14	—

ORIOLES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Holliday 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.240
Alonso dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	.267
O'Neill rf	2	0	0	0	1	1	.221
Beavers ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.237
Mayo 1b	3	1	1	1	1	0	.214
Henderson ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.220
Encarnacion-Strand 3b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.262
Taveras cf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.228
Franklin lf	2	0	0	0	1	0	.182
Cowser ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.215
Narváez c	2	0	0	0	0	1	.172
Jackson ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.226
Pozo c	1	0	0	0	0	0	.250
TOTALS	32	1	4	1	4	9	—

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E: Chisholm (9). **LOB:** New York 6, Baltimore 8. **HR:** Grisham (17), off Baz; Mayo (17), off Rodón. **RBI:** Grisham 3 (54), Mayo (47).

YANKEES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rodón	4	2	1	1	2	4	3.22
De los Santos	2	1	0	0	0	0	0.64
Headrick	⅔	1	0	0	1	1	1.57
Cruz	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	2.79
Blackburn	1	0	0	0	1	2	1.83
Bednar	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.44

ORIOLES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Baz	6⅓	4	3	3	2	10	4.02
Walker	⅔	1	0	0	1	2	2.70
Suárez	2	0	0	0	0	2	3.91

WP: De los Santos (1-0); **LP:** Baz (4-13); **S:** Bednar (28). **Inherited runners-scored:** Cruz 2-0, Walker 2-2. **HBP:** Walker (Rice). ABS Challenge_Ramos (Strike-Confirmed) **T:** 2:40. **A:** 23,257 (45,971).

ORIOLES' BATTING LEADERS

Entering Wednesday's game.

	AVG	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
Alexander	.312	69	4	29	16	54	9
Mountcastle	.286	4	0	1	1	2	0
Alonso	.267	126	28	81	63	131	5

Blue Jays 10, Rays 5

Kazuma Okamoto broke Toronto's rookie home run record with his 25th, Josh Smith and Alejandro Kirk also homered, and the Blue Jays beat American League-leading Tampa Bay in the opener of their series.

The Blue Jays have won 13 of their past 19 games.

BLUE JAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Bateman cf	6	1	2	1	0	1	.283
Lukes rf	5	1	1	0	1	2	.263
Kirk c	6	2	3	3	0	0	.279
Springer dh	4	1	3	1	1	1	.234
Sánchez lf	3	0	1	1	1	1	.262
Straw lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.220
Okamoto 1b	5	1	1	1	0	1	.227
Giménez ss	5	0	1	0	0	0	.241
Clement 2b	5	3	3	0	0	0	.285
Smith 3b	4	1	2	2	0	1	.217
TOTALS	44	10	17	9	3	7	—

RAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Simpson lf	5	0	2	0	0	0	.310
Caminero 3b	5	0	2	0	0	0	.275
Aranda 1b	5	0	1	0	0	2	.285
Díaz dh	4	1	2	0	0	0	.306
Hicks c	4	1	1	0	0	0	.281
Mesa rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.214
Vilade ph-rf	3	1	2	0	0	0	.263
Mullins cf	3	1	1	1	0	0	.210
Palacios 2b	3	1	1	1	0	0	.243
Walls ss	4	0	1	2	0	1	.222
TOTALS	36	5	13	4	0	3	—

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E: Caminero (17). **LOB:** Toronto 11, Tampa Bay 7. **2B:** Kirk (6), Sánchez (16), Springer (15). **HR:** Kirk (6), off Martinez; Okamoto (25), off Matz; Smith (3), off Scholtens.

BLUE JAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Soriano	5⅔	9	3	3	0	2	3.23
Fluharty	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	3.78
Waldron	2	4	2	2	0	1	7.54
Miles	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.08

RAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Martinez	3⅔	9	6	6	2	5	3.05
Matz	1⅓	3	2	2	0	0	6.17
Scholtens	4	5	2	2	1	2	4.03

WP: Soriano (10-6); **LP:** Martinez (12-4). **Inherited runners-scored:** Matz 2-0. **HBP:** Soriano (Mesa). **WP:** Soriano, Martinez(3). ABS Challenge_Soriano (Ball-Confirmed) **T:** 2:44. **A:** 12,387 (25,025).

Phillies 6, Marlins 4

Bryson Stott put Philadelphia ahead with a two-run single in the sixth inning, and the Phillies beat Miami.

Phillies starter Zack Wheeler gave up two runs in five innings.

MARLINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Marsee cf	2	0	0	0	2	0	.207
Edwards 2b	3	0	1	1	1	2	.286
Lopez ss	3	1	0	0	1	0	.308
Conine 1b	4	2	2	1	0	0	.278
Hernández lf	4	0	1	1	0	2	.228
Ramírez dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.243
Caissie rf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.225
Jiménez ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.207
Sanoja 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.272
Navarreto c	2	1	0	0	1	0	.138
Ruiz ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.257
TOTALS	31	4	5	3	5	9	—

PHILLIES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Schwarber dh	5	0	1	1	0	2	.247
Turner ss	4	1	0	0	0	2	.246
Harper rf	2	1	0	0	2	0	.259
Arraez 2b	4	1	3	0	0	1	.317
Bohm 1b	4	1	2	2	0	0	.244
Stott 3b	3	2	1	2	1	0	.266
Marsh lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.272
Realmuto c	3	0	0	0	1	1	.215
Crawford cf	4	0	2	1	0	1	.270
TOTALS	33	6	10	6	4	8	—

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E: Arraez (6), Kerkering (1). **LOB:** Miami 5, Philadelphia 8. **2B:** Bohm (22). **HR:** Conine (14), off Wheeler; Schwarber (37), off Phillips.

MARLINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gibson	1⅓	2	1	1	1	1	5.66
Zuber	1⅓	0	0	0	1	1	3.16
Ekness	1⅔	1	0	0	0	1	1.42
Petersen	1	4	4	4	0	0	3.61
Phillips	2	2	1	1	2	3	3.67
Faucher	⅔	1	0	0	0	2	4.10

PHILLIES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wheeler	5	2	2	2	4	7	2.92
McFarlane	1	1	1	0	1	0	2.08
Alvarado	1	1	0	0	0	0	6.00
Kerkering	1	1	1	0	0	1	3.62
Raley	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.25

WP: McFarlane (1-1); **LP:** Petersen (2-3); **S:** Raley (1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Ekness 1-0, Petersen 1-0, Phillips 2-1, Faucher 2-1. **HBP:** Petersen (Turner). **WP:** Phillips(2). ABS Challenge_Wheeler (Ball-Overturned to Strike) **T:** 3:01. **A:** 39,237 (42,901).

Twins 4, Braves 1

Josh Bell hit a two-run homer, Ryan Jeffers drove in Minnesota's other two runs, and the Twins beat Atlanta.

Bell hit his 17th home run of the year over the right-center field wall in the first inning.

Jeffers added a two-run double in the eighth inning

BRAVES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Baldwin dh	4	1	2	1	0	0	.278
Acuña rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.241
Olson 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.262
Harris cf	4	0	3	0	0	0	.292
Albies 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.251
Yastrzemski lf	1	0	0	0	1	1	.225
Thomas ph-lf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.229
Riley 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.222
Dubón ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	.258
Murphy c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.118
TOTALS	33	1	6	1	1	7	—

TWINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Keaschall cf-rf	4	0	2	0	0	0	.270
Larnach lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.271
Buxton ph-cf	1	1	1	0	0	0	.259
Jeffers c	4	1	2	2	0	1	.283
Bell dh	4	1	2	2	0	1	.258
Clemens 2b-lf	3	0	1	0	1	0	.233
Lewis 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.240
B.Lee 3b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.244
Roden rf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.230
Kreidler 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.228
Culpepper ss	3	1	1	0	0	0	.258
TOTALS	32	4	10	4	1	5	—

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LOB: Atlanta 6, Minnesota 5. **2B:** Harris 2 (27), Jeffers 2 (14). **HR:** Baldwin (21), off Matthews; Bell (17), off Mahle.

BRAVES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Mahle	6⅔	6	2	2	1	3	4.53
Dodd	⅔	1	1	1	0	1	2.31
Fuentes	⅔	3	1	1	0	1	2.65

TWINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Matthews	5⅔	5	1	1	1	4	5.12
Funderburk	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	2.70
Morris	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.34
Minter	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.03
Gómez	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.25

WP: Matthews (7-8); **LP:** Mahle (4-10); **S:** Gómez (19). **Inherited runners-scored:** Dodd 1-0, Fuentes 1-1, Funderburk 2-0. ABS Challenge_Bell (Strike-Overturned to Ball) **T:** 2:12. **A:** 22,193 (38,544).

Red Sox 9, Diamondbacks 4

Adley Rutschman hit his first homer as a member of Boston, Ranger Suarez picked up his first win since late June, and the Red Sox beat Arizona.

Rutschman had a solo homer that tied the game at 4 in the fourth.

D'BACKS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Vargas 2b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.265
Carroll rf	2	1	0	0	1	0	.246
Moreno dh	3	1	1	4	1	1	.308
Perdomo ss	3	0	1	0	1	0	.246
Tawa 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.240
Lawlar cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.261
McCann c	4	0	1	0	0	0	.296
Fernandez 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.256
Waldschmidt lf	3	1	1	0	0	0	.273
TOTALS	31	4	7	4	3	6	—

RED SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Sogard 2b	3	2	2	0	1	0	.259
Rafaela cf	5	1	1	0	0	0	.287
Abreu rf	4	1	0	0	1	0	.257
Contreras 1b	4	1	2	1	1	2	.283
Rutschman c	4	1	2	3	1	0	.245
Durbin 3b	3	1	1	1	0	0	.258
Duran lf	5	1	1	0	0	0	.203
Monasterio ss	4	0	2	1	0	1	.265
Gasper dh	2	1	2	2	2	0	.254
TOTALS	34	9	13	8	6	3	—

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E: Fernandez (5), Durbin (9). **LOB:** Arizona 4, Boston 10. **2B:** Perdomo (17), Contreras (21). **HR:** Moreno (10), off Suarez; Rutschman (9), off Kelly; Gasper (2), off Ginkel.

D'BACKS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kelly	4	7	6	6	4	2	5.37
Loáisiga	1	1	0	0	0	0	2.74
Ginkel	1	3	2	2	0	0	3.91
Clarke	1	2	1	1	1	1	2.41
Martinez	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.00

RED SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Suarez	5⅓	4	4	4	2	3	3.41
Guerrero	1⅔	2	0	0	0	1	3.03
Miller	1	0	0	0	1	1	2.31
Olds	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.00

WP: Suarez (5-3); **LP:** Kelly (8-11). **Inherited runners-scored:** Loáisiga 2-1, Guerrero 1-0. **HBP:** Suarez (Carroll), Martinez (Durbin). **WP:** Kelly, Martinez. ABS Challenge_Contreras (Strike-Confirmed) Pitch timer violations_Guerrero (pitcher). **T:** 2:53. **A:** 36,592 (37,755).

Royals 4, Athletics 3

Bobby Witt Jr. drove in the winning run with a two-out single in the ninth after pinch-hitter Tyler Tolbert hit a tying two-run single, giving Kansas City a victory over the Athletics.

ATHLETICS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Bolte cf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.267
Gelof dh	2	2	0	0	2	0	.273
McNeil 1b	4	0	2	1	0	0	.262
Heim c	3	0	0	0	1	0	.213
White 3b	4	0	1	1	0	1	.267
Butler rf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.211
Muncy lf	2	0	0	1	1	0	.213
Cortes ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.259
Williams 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.262
Walton ph-2b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.273
Hernaiz ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.234
TOTALS	31	3	5	3	5	3	—

ROYALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Loftin lf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.232
Collins ph-lf	1	0	0	0	1	0	.226
Witt ss	3	0	1	1	1	1	.287
Caglianone rf	4	1	2	0	0	1	.278
Garcia 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.264
Pasquantino 1b	4	0	2	1	0	0	.236
Perez dh	3	0	0	0	0	0	.214
Rave pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	.200
Massey 2b	3	1	1	0	1	0	.272
Jensen c	2	1	1	0	2	0	.220
Isbel cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.229
Tolbert ph	1	0	1	2	0	0	.312
TOTALS	31	4	9	4	5	6	—

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Two outs when winning run scored.
E: Heim (4). **LOB:** Athletics 6, Kansas City 8. **2B:** Caglianone (22), Pasquantino (13).

ATHLETICS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Basso	2⅓	2	0	0	0	1	3.91
Perkins	3⅔	1	0	0	1	4	6.96
Rom	⅓	2	1	1	0	1	3.38
Medina	1⅓	0	0	0	3	0	3.51
Harris	⅔	3	3	2	1	0	3.79
Alvarado	⅓	1	0	0	0	0	4.62

ROYALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lynch	4	2	1	1	2	1	2.83
Black	3	2	2	2	3	1	3.77
Lange	1	0	0	0	0	0	6.10
Duran	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.00

WP: Duran (1-0); **LP:** Harris (3-2). **Inherited runners-scored:** Perkins 1-0, Medina 1-0, Harris 2-0, Alvarado 2-1. **HBP:** Perkins (Witt). **WP:** Perkins, Medina, Duran. ABS Challenge_Perkins (Ball-Overturned to Strike) Ejected_Kotsay. **T:** 2:42. **A:** 12,009 (38,427).

Cubs 7, White Sox 5 (10)

Late Monday

Pete Crow-Armstrong hit his first career walk-off, and the Cubs beat the Sox.

CHICAGO (A)	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Meidroth 2b	5	0	0	0	0	4	.275
Murakami 1b	2	2	0	0	3	1	.233
Vargas 3b	4	1	1	0	1	2	.239
Grichuk dh	3	1	1	3	0	1	.277
Benintendi ph-dh	2	1	1	2	0	1	.249
B.Montgomery rf	4	0	1	0	1	1	.238
Doyle cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.215
Peters ph-cf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.271
Antonacci lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.273
Acuña ss	3	0	0	0	1	1	.237
Rogers c	2	0	0	0	2	1	.173
TOTALS	33	5	4	5	8	14	—

CHICAGO (N)	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Crow-Armstrong cf	5	2	4	3	1	1	.281
Suzuki rf	4	2	1	1	1	2	.273
Busch 1b	5	0	0	0	0	0	.243
Bregman 3b	4	0	3	0	1	0	.255
T.Taylor pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	.236
Miller 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Happ lf	3	1	1	0	1	0	.215
Hoerner ss	5	0	4	2	0	0	.265
Ramirez 2b-3b	4	0	0	0	1	1	.290
Conforto dh	2	0	0	0	0	0	.226
Alcantara ph-dh	2	0	0	0	0	1	.217
Amaya ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	1	.240
Kelly c	5	1	1	0	0	0	.260
TOTALS	40	7	14	6	5	6	—

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No outs when winning run scored.
E: Castillo (), Vargas (9). **LOB:** Chicago (A) 8, Chicago (N) 13. **2B:** Bregman (24), Crow-Armstrong (25). **HR:** Grichuk (10), off Imanaga; Benintendi (13), off Zeferjahn; Crow-Armstrong (29), off Castillo; Suzuki (22), off Castillo; Crow-Armstrong (30), off Smith.

CHICAGO (A)	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Castillo	4⅔	8	4	3	1	1	4.99
Schweitzer	1⅔	2	0	0	1	2	2.59
Richards	1⅓	2	0	0	0	1	3.18
Hicks	1⅓	1	1	1	3	2	3.32
Smith	0	1	2	1	0	0	1.93

CHICAGO (N)	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Imanaga	6	2	3	3	3	10	3.77
Rolison	⅔	0	0	0	1	0	2.54
Zeferjahn	1	2	2	2	1	1	4.11
Peterson	1⅓	0	0	0	1	1	5.29
Webb	1	0	0	0	2	2	2.29

WP: Webb (5-2); **LP:** Smith (2-1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Schweitzer 1-0, Richards 1-0, Hicks 1-0, Zeferjahn 1-0, Peterson 1-0. **IBB:** off Hicks (Ramirez). **HBP:** Imanaga (Antonacci). ABS Challenge_Antonacci (Strike-Confirmed) Pitch timer violations_Hicks (pitcher). **T:** 3:21. **A:** 40,354 (41,363).

Dodgers 11, Rockies 5

Late Monday

Shohei Ohtani homered twice to help spark a slumping offense, and Blake Snell struck out five across six innings as Los Angeles thumped Colorado.

DODGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Ohtani dh	5	4	4	3	0	0	.295
Rortvedt ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	.167
Freeman 1b	5	2	3	1	0	0	.302
Call lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.254
Pages cf	4	2	3	2	1	0	.274
Muncy 3b	4	2	2	3	1	0	.252
Betts ss	5	0	1	2	0	0	.235
Rojas ss	0	0	0	0	0	0	.284
Tucker rf	5	0	0	0	0	0	.230
Edman 2b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.265
T.Hernández lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.247
E.Hernández 1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.214
Feduccia c	4	0	0	0	1	1	.234
TOTALS	42	11	14	11	3	4	—

ROCKIES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
McCarthy lf	3	0	0	1	0	1	.294
Veen lf	2	0	1	1	0	1	.286
Beck rf	5	0	0	0	0	1	.185
Carrigg cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.286
Castro 3b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.262
Rumfield 1b	3	1	1	0	0	0	.291
Norby 2b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.204
Amador dh	3	2	1	1	1	1	.400
Sullivan c	2	0	1	1	1	0	.244
Tovar ss	2	0	0	1	1	0	.207
TOTALS	32	5	6	5	3	6	—

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E: Tucker (4), Norby (4), Carrigg (4). **LOB:** Los Angeles 8, Colorado 6. **2B:** Betts (14), Pages (25), Freeman 2 (29), Veen (1). **HR:** Muncy (25), off Sugano; Ohtani (28), off Sugano; Ohtani (29), off Mejia.

DODGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Snell	6	2	1	1	3	5	3.60
Vesia	1	0	1	0	0	0	2.91
Phillips	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.85
Díaz	1	4	3	3	0	0	11.8

ROCKIES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Sugano	5	7	7	6	1	3	4.70
Mejia	1	5	3	3	0	0	5.85
Shook	2	2	1	1	1	1	8.22
Johnston	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.00

WP: Snell (1-1); **LP:** Sugano (12-6). **HBP:** Johnston (Edman), Díaz (Rumfield). ABS Challenge_Beck (Strike-Confirmed) **T:** 2:45. **A:** 34,609 (50,144).

NOTES

MANCINI, 34, RETIRES

Trey Mancini, the AL Comeback Player of the Year in 2021 for his return from colon cancer who then helped Houston win the 2022 World Series, announced his retirement Tuesday after his latest comeback lasted five games with the Los Angeles Angels.

"Thank you, baseball," Mancini wrote on Instagram.

PERSONNEL DEPT.

Braves: Agreed to terms with C Chuckie Robinson on a minor league contract, recalled RHP AJ Smith-Shawver from Class AAA Gwinnett and designated RHP Tyler Kinley for assignment.

Cardinals: Optioned LHP Quinn Mathews to Class AAA Memphis.

Reds: Recalled C Will Banfield from Class AAA Louisville and optioned RF Noelvi Marte and RHP Zach McCambley to Louisville.

TODAY

Interleague games

NATIONALS AT RANGERS, 8:05	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Cavalli (R)	10-5	3.36	12-14
deGrom (R)	8-8	3.95	12-11
TIGERS AT PIRATES, 12:35			
Jobe (R)	1-1	6.23	1-1
Skenes (R)	9-11	3.88	9-16
BRAVES AT TWINS, 1:40			
Smith-Shawver (R)	0-0	4.15	0-1
Bradley (R)	9-5	3.98	14-10
WHITE SOX AT CUBS, 2:20			
TBD	----	----	----
Holmes (R)	5-5	2.56	6-5
DIAMONDBACKS AT RED SOX, 4:10			
Pfaadt (R)	7-1	3.11	10-2
Tolle (L)	8-6	2.97	11-9
GIANTS AT GUARDIANS, 6:40			
Houser (R)	3-7	4.28	6-9
Messick (L)	9-7	2.59	13-11
MARINERS AT BREWERS, 7:40			
Gilbert (R)	9-7	3.28	15-9
May (R)	6-7	4.13	11-12

Interleague scores

MONDAY'S RESULTS
at Boston 11, Arizona 1
Detroit 8, at Pittsburgh 5
Minnesota 4, at Atlanta 2
at Chicago Cubs 7, Chicago White Sox 5 (10

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
at Texas 5, Washington 0
at Pittsburgh 4, Detroit 1
at Cleveland 8, San Francisco 1
at Boston 9, Arizona 4
at Minnesota 4, Atlanta 1
at Milwaukee 22, Seattle 0
Chicago White Sox at Chicago Cubs, late

AL games

YANKEES AT ORIOLES, 6:35	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Warren (R)	8-6	4.42	15-8
Bassitt (R)	4-4	5.11	6-5
BLUE JAYS AT RAYS, 6:40			
Scherzer (R)	1-5	6.58	3-7
Rasmussen (R)	12-5	2.78	14-9
ATHLETICS AT ROYALS, 7:40			
Jump (L)	5-7	4.50	7-8
Lugo (R)	5-7	4.59	12-13
ANGELS AT ASTROS, 8:10			
Ureña (R)	8-8	2.68	10-10
TBD	----	----	----

AL scores

MONDAY'S RESULTS
at Tampa Bay 7, Baltimore 6
at Kansas City 9, Athletics 5

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
N.Y. Yankees 3, at Baltimore 1
Toronto 10, at Tampa Bay 5
at Kansas City 4, Athletics 3
L.A. Angels 3, at Houston 1

NL games

PADRES AT METS, 1:10	W-L	ERA	TEAM
King (R)	8-8	3.42	11-14
Stock (R)	0-2	6.57	1-2
MARLINS AT PHILLIES, 6:05			
Alcantara (R)	13-7	3.43	16-10
Nola (R)	4-9	5.33	11-14
CARDINALS AT REDS, 6:40			
Liberatore (L)	5-10	5.07	13-11
Burns (R)	14-2	2.47	17-6
DODGERS AT ROCKIES, 8:40			
Sasaki (R)	5-5	4.46	11-10
Freeland (L)	4-10	6.26	9-13

NL scores

MONDAY'S RESULTS
Game 1: St. Louis 2, at Cincinnati 1
Game 2: at Cincinnati 6, St. Louis 5 (10)
at N.Y. Mets 2, San Diego 1
at Philadelphia 6, Miami 5
at L.A. Dodgers 11, Colorado 5

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
St. Louis 3, at Cincinnati 0
at Philadelphia 6, Miami 4
San Diego 5, at N.Y. Mets 2
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, late

Another solid Baz start goes to waste for the O's

YANKEES 3, ORIOLES 1

BY MICHAEL HOWES

BALTIMORE — Are the Orioles back?

Not in the optimistic sense that surrounded them only days ago. They're back to making enough progress to look like a team capable of becoming a factor down the stretch, only to fall flat once again. It's a pattern that has followed them throughout the season.

Tuesday's 3-1 loss to the New York Yankees added another chapter. The Orioles (61-65) opened a six-game homestand against American League East foes with a defeat despite Shane Baz returning to form. Baz's fastball velocity returned to his season average as he allowed three earned runs on four hits over 6⅓ innings while striking out 10, recording his 11th quality start of the season. Baltimore is just 2-9 in those games.

The Yankees (70-55) and Orioles traded home runs in the third inning. Trent Grisham launched a 403-foot shot to right field — New York's first hit off Baz — to open the scoring. Coby Mayo promptly answered with a 407-foot blast to left, his 17th homer of the season and his 13th against a left-handed pitcher.

Yankees left-hander Carlos Rodón, making his first start since June 28 after recovering from elbow inflammation, allowed one run on two hits and two walks while striking out four over four innings.

After retiring the Yankees in order in the sixth, Baz walked Spencer Jones and surrendered a one-out single to George Lombard Jr. in the seventh before being replaced by Josh Walker. The left-hander issued a walk to Paul Goldschmidt but rallied to strike out Amed Rosario and jumped ahead of Trent Grisham 0-2. The center fielder evened the count and sliced a single into center to score Jones and Lombard.

With the loss, Baltimore is now 6-19 in games started by Baz, who holds a 4.02 ERA.

— Associated Press

STEPHANIE SCARBROUGH/AP

Coby Mayo hit his 13th home run against a lefty of the season, but the Orioles couldn't provide any more run support for Shane Baz.

Baseball and bonding are on Nats camp curriculum

NATIONALS FROM **B7**

replicate their philosophy and setup at each level, starting in West Palm Beach. The sooner the prospects can establish a routine that works for them, the easier it will be when they move up.

"The big thing they preach is everything they do, even at the big league level, it just all translates down, no matter what level you're at," Brunson said. "You're doing the same stuff, so nothing changes from each level."

At the end of the first week, players met with coaches and went through their data. For a player such as Luke Williams, an 18-year-old infielder selected in the third round, the main directive is to gain weight and get stronger.

"It was super cool to go through that first week, and then they sit me down and pull up all the numbers," Williams said. "So it's like, 'Here's what it actually is with the data,' and not just, 'We think you should do this.'"

The first week was about learning. The subsequent weeks have been about implementing the lessons into their play. The players have done more simulated games and live batting practices, and even more work off the Trajekt.

Their days have typically ended around noon, leaving them with lots of time to fill. Some days, they went to the beach or shopping. But most nights, they ended up at PopStroke, a mini-golf course just a short skip away from their hotel. The membership cost only $25 a month and came with a 25 percent discount off food — a particular boon for those at the end of the draft class who didn't get large signing bonuses.

Matthew Dallas, a 12th-round pick out of Wake Forest, has developed a reputation for being the best mini-golfer.

"He's just really clutch,“ said Chris Hacopian, the 11th overall selection out of Texas A&M. "He's been a stud."

While the Nationals may not have expected their draftees to become obsessed with mini-golf, bonding as a group was one reason the team wanted to hold a draft camp. These players will probably move up through the ranks together, and being connected from the start will only benefit the organization when they eventually get to the majors.

That strategy helped the Tampa Bay Rays, Washington Manager Blake Butera's former team, become successful. The Nationals are hoping it will pay off for them, too.

"When you get to the major leagues and have some familiar faces around you in the clubhouse and dugout, I think it goes a long way and provides a sense of comfort," Butera said.

NATIONALS ON DECK

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Chris Hacopian

MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP

Chris Hacopian, above, was the Nats' top draft pick this year, but the class's best mini-golfer might be 12th-rounder Matthew Dallas.

SARAH STIER/GETTY IMAGES

Liberty National Golf Club in New Jersey will host the BMW Championship in next year's FedEx Cup playoffs after this year's heat wave.

GOLF NOTES

Big changes afoot for FedEx Cup in '28

Players cite geography and weather in offering playoff host suggestions

BY DOUG FERGUSON

ST. LOUIS — The FedEx Cup playoff rotation will look similar next year with one exception. The BMW Championship, held this year at Bellerive, will move to Liberty National in New Jersey.

It led to some measure of consternation this year because of the heat wave and three tournaments in Memphis, St. Louis and Atlanta.

All of that — including the format — changes with the revamped 2028 schedule.

But what makes sense where to play?

"Playing in the Southeast once would be good," Louisiana's Sam Burns said. "The Northeast would be probably the best. The West Coast? The problem is you don't want to go from California to New Jersey."

Rory McIlroy would like a word about that. He pointed out that Formula One goes from Las Vegas to Qatar in November.

"The West Coast works really well," McIlroy said. "I think the West Coast swing isn't in a great spot where it is in February. If we could play the West Coast when we should and how the golf courses should play, it would be amazing. Obviously, it would be good for TV. … That makes sense for what they're trying to do."

Adam Scottz, who is on the PGA Tour boards, was cautious not to tip his hand, though he summed it up by saying, "You go to the best courses you possibly can, and generally the best courses don't suit one player or another."

"I'd stay away from the monster modern courses, that's for sure," Scott said. "Putting on my PGA Tour hat for a second, we're trying to showcase the best stuff, and you want to go to the best courses."

Brian Harman spoke for several players when he said the TPC Southwind for the St. Jude Championship was among the most underrated courses on tour, but the August heat kept it from attracting much energy.

"This is an awesome golf course, but we can't get anyone to watch because it's 100 degrees," Harman said. "Hole by hole, it's a championship course. And attendance was good today. But it's ONE HUNDRED DEGREES. People come out when it's bearable. This is just brutal."

Career earnings chase is on

Tiger Woods has been atop the PGA Tour career earnings since his runner-up finish at Torrey Pines on Feb. 13, 2000, back when Scottie Scheffler was still a kid living in New Jersey.

That could be about to change.

Scheffler picked up $3.6 million for winning the FedEx St. Jude Championship — his fifth check of $2 million or more this year — and moved to within $1,034,756 of surpassing Woods. He could do that with a three-way tie for third at the BMW Championship.

Next week, the $40 million purse at the Tour Championship counts as official money (it was always bonus money when Woods played).

It could be a matter of who gets there first. Rory McIlroy is $4,510,794 behind Woods.

Prize money, of course, has been soaring since the first television contract negotiated during the first episode of Tigermania, and lately with big purses in response to LIV Golf. The day Woods took over at No. 1 in career earnings, the entire purse at the Buick Invitational was $3 million.

U.S. Solheim team firms up

The American team for the Solheim Cup is nearly set except for the three captain's picks for Angela Stanford for the Sept. 11-13 matches in the Netherlands. The Canadian Women's Open this week is the final qualifying event.

Lauren Coughlin clinched the sixth of seven automatic spots last week at the Portland Classic. The previous spots went to Nelly Korda, Angel Yin, Jennifer Kupcho, Yealimi Noh and Auston Kim. That leaves one spot left between Allisen Corpuz and Andrea Lee.

However, the next two selections come from the women's world ranking. So even if Lee doesn't win in Canada this week, she locks up a spot in the world ranking at No. 37. The final spot from the ranking would come down to Lee (No. 59), Lindy Duncan (No. 61), Jenny Bae (No. 65) and Rose Zhang (No. 66).

Stanford will announce her two captain's picks after the tournament Sunday.

Europe filled out its 12-player roster on Aug. 3.

Memorial added to top events

The Memorial Tournament is the seventh tournament to announce it will be part of the top-tier Championship Series in the PGA Tour's revamped schedule that starts in 2028.

The Memorial, hosted by Jack Nicklaus at the Muirfield Village course he designed, has been among the elite tournaments since it began in 1976 and players had dining and balata range balls, a rarity on the tour those days. The announcement, like the others, was not a surprise.

The Memorial joins The Sentry at Torrey Pines, the Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill, the Cadillac Championship at Doral, GO by Raymond James at Sedgefield in North Carolina (formerly Wyndham), the Travelers Championship at the TPC River Highlands and a new tournament sponsored by Japan-based Sompo.

While the dates have not been announced, the Memorial was founded and has long preferred to be played around Memorial Day. The tournament honors a legend in the game each year.

Whaley heads Walker squad

Jack Whaley has had quite the year. He was a Jack Nicklaus Award winner as the top golfer from the NAIA division at Dalton State. He transferred to Florida State. He won the U.S. Amateur to earn spots in three majors next year. And now he's off to the Walker Cup.

Whaley is among 10 players for Great Britain and Ireland who will try to win back the Walker Cup from the American team Sept. 3-5 at Lahinch in Ireland.

Also named to the GB&I team are British Amateur champion Stuart Grehan, Tyler Weaver, Luke Poulter, Eliot Baker, Connor Graham, Ben Bolton, Sam Easterbrook, Niall Sheils Donegan and Josh Hill. Six of the players were on the team that lost at Cypress Point last year.

The Americans announced their 10-man team Sunday.

Divots

Scottie Scheffler and Cameron Young have clinched two of the six automatic spots on the U.S. team for the Presidents Cup. …

Rufus Hack, CEO of Sony Sports, was hired as president of golf for TMRW Sports, where he will oversee TGL, the women's TGL indoor league and other golf projects the company is developing. Hack previously was chief operating officer of the European tour and Ryder Cup Europe and was managing director for European Tour Productions. …

Friends of Golf is honoring Rickie Fowler and two-time U.S. Women's Amateur champion Kay Cockerill on Oct. 19 at Bel-Air Country Club in Los Angeles. Friends of Golf was founded in 1979 by the late Eddie Merrins, the longtime teaching pro at Bel-Air, and a group of philanthropic LA-area golfers to help aspiring junior golfers.

Stat of the week

For the first time in 149 tournaments worldwide over the last five years, Rory McIlroy finished a tournament without breaking par in any of the four rounds at the St. Jude Championship. The previous time was the 2021 PGA Championship at Kiawah Island.

Final word

"I've watched it back, and I look a lot more calm than I felt at the time." — Ryan Fox on his final five holes of his British Open victory.

— Associated Press

Terrapins' offensive success may hinge on their line

MARYLAND FROM **B7**

be key, and I trust in them."

In addition to helping Washington shine in his first year at the college level, the offensive line surrendered just nine sacks, which was tied for the third-lowest mark in the country. And all five offensive linemen did not miss a start last fall.

The offensive line's play is significant, Coach Michael Locksley said.

"This is a big man's league," he said. "This is a trench league. Controlling the line of scrimmage is where your margin is."

As effective as the pass game was, the Terps stalled in the run game. They ranked last in the Big Ten in rushing yards (1,252) and second-to-last in yards per game (104.3) and total touchdowns (nine).

Junior center Michael Hershey said opening lanes for the running backs has been a point of emphasis for the linemen.

"As you can see from the stats, we were No. 1 [in the Big Ten] in pass protection, and that was definitely our strength," he said. "The coaches have definitely developed a system that makes it a lot easier for us to pass protect. But we just need to run the ball more and have more yards per carry. And then that will open more passing lanes for us, especially the run actions."

While Hershey and redshirt senior right tackle Rahtrel Perry return and Wright is slated to switch from left guard to right tackle, the unit is poised to add two new starters.

At a practice during media day earlier this month, redshirt senior Tellek Lockette, a Texas State transfer, lined up at left guard, and redshirt sophomore Ryan Howerton, a Laurel resident, took over for Aliou Bah at right guard.

Locksley said the objective is to mold an offensive line that can help the offense stay on the field for longer stretches and produce more points.

Yielding even more NFL draft picks — left tackle Jaelyn Duncan and right guard Spencer Anderson were selected in 2023, and right tackle Delmar Glaze was taken in 2024 — would also be a bonus, but that takes time.

"These guys are playing on NFL rosters, but they all were developed," he said. "The trench areas are the areas that usually take longer. Skill guys can come in and do what [wide receivers] Stefon [Diggs] did as a true freshman or DJ Moore, but up front, you have to learn how to play in this league. You have to get bigger and stronger, and we've done that."

Three redshirt sophomores — right tackle Logan Bennett, center Trevor Szymanski, left tackle Davon Watkins — sophomore left tackle Amory Hills and redshirt freshman right tackle Jaylen Gilchrist add much-needed depth to the offensive line.

Their contributions could help the unit put last year in the past.

"Definitely a lot of lessons that we could learn from last season, a lot of ways that we can improve, and that's a good thing," Wright said. "You want to have things to improve on so that everybody reaches their full potential. We're just attacking it every day and looking at each film, each play, and seeing how we could do things better."

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SCOREBOARD

PRO FOOTBALL

NFL preseason

THURSDAY, AUG. 6
HALL OF FAME GAME — IN CANTON, OHIO
Carolina 33, Arizona 30

WEEK 1
THURSDAY'S RESULTS
at Cincinnati 16, Detroit 14
at Pittsburgh 28, Green Bay 9
Indianapolis 13, at New England 13
L.A. Chargers 27, at Houston 7
Arizona 27, at Las Vegas 14
Tennessee 19, at San Francisco 13

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
at Washington 20, Miami 7
Tampa Bay 24, at N.Y. Jets 16
Denver 27, at Atlanta 7

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
at Baltimore 24, Philadelphia 7
Minnesota 13, at N.Y. Giants 10
at Buffalo 29, Carolina 14
at Chicago 34, Cleveland 10
Jacksonville 24, at New Orleans 20
L.A. Rams 20, at Kansas City 12
Dallas 17, at Seattle 7

WEEK 2
THURSDAY'S GAMES
Las Vegas at Houston, 8
San Francisco at L.A. Chargers, 10

FRIDAY'S GAMES
N.Y. Jets at Pittsburgh, 7
Carolina at Jacksonville, 7:30
Green Bay at Denver, 9

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Washington at Detroit, noon
Baltimore at Minnesota, 1
Buffalo at Cleveland, 1
Atlanta at Indianapolis, 1
N.Y. Giants at Miami, 4
New Orleans at L.A. Rams, 4
Chicago at Cincinnati, 7
Philadelphia at New England, 7
Kansas City at Tampa Bay, 7:30
Dallas at Arizona, 10

SUNDAY'S GAME
Seattle at Tennessee, 8

WEEK 3
THURSDAY, AUG. 27
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 7
New England at Cleveland, 8
San Francisco at Las Vegas, 8
L.A. Rams at L.A. Chargers, 10

FRIDAY, AUG. 28
Washington at Baltimore, 6
Atlanta at Miami, 7
Houston at Carolina, 7
N.Y. Giants at N.Y. Jets, 7:30
Tampa Bay at Jacksonville, 7:30
Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 8
Seattle at Kansas City, 8
New Orleans at Dallas, 8
Arizona at Green Bay, 8
Minnesota at Denver, 9

SATURDAY, AUG. 29
Detroit at Indianapolis, 1
Chicago at Tennessee, 6

BASEBALL

Little League World Series

IN WILLIAMSPORT, PA.
UNITED STATES
GREAT LAKES REGION, Hamilton, Ohio; METRO REGION, Bayonne, N.J.; MID-ATLANTIC REGION, West Chester, Pa.; MIDWEST REGION, Davenport, Iowa; MOUNTAIN REGION, Henderson, Nev.; NEW ENGLAND REGION, Bridgewater, Mass.; NORTHWEST REGION, Tacoma, Wash.; SOUTHEAST REGION, Phenix City, Ala.; SOUTHWEST REGION, Boerne, Texas; WEST REGION, Bonita, Calif.

INTERNATIONAL
ASIA-PACIFIC REGION, Seoul, South Korea; AUSTRALIA REGION, Sydney, New South Wales; CANADA REGION, Vancouver, British Columbia; CARIBBEAN REGION, Santiago, Dominican Republic; CURAÇAO REGION, Pariba, Curaçao; EUROPE-AFRICA REGION, Brno, Czech Republic; JAPAN REGION, Tokyo, Japan; LATIN AMERICA REGION, Leon, Nicaragua; MEXICO REGION, Tijuana, Baja California; PANAMA REGION, Chiriquí, Panama

DOUBLE ELIMINATION
WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Game 1: Leon (Nicaragua) vs. Santiago (Dominican Republic), 1
Game 2: Phenix City (Ala.) vs. Tacoma (Wash.), 3
Game 3: Vancouver (Canada) vs. Seoul (South Korea), 5
Game 4: Bayonne (N.J.) vs. Bridgewater (Mass.), 7

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Game 5: Sydney (Australia) vs. Tijuana (Mexico), noon
Game 6: Hamilton (Ohio) vs. Henderson (Nev.), 2
Game 7: Pariba (Curaçao) vs. Tokyo (Japan), 4
Game 8: Bonita (Calif.) vs. Davenport (Iowa), 6

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Game 9: Chiriquí (Panama) vs. Game 1 winner, 1
Game 10: Boerne (Texas) vs. Game 2 winner, 3
Game 11: Brno (Czech Republic) vs. Game 3 winner, 5
Game 12: West Chester (Pa.) vs. Game 4 winner, 7

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Game 13: Game 3 loser vs. Game 5 loser, 1
Game 14: Game 4 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 3
Game 15: Game 1 loser vs. Game 7 loser, 5
Game 16: Game 2 loser vs. Game 8 loser, 7

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Game 17: Game 6 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 9 a.m.
Game 18: Game 5 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 11 a.m.
Game 19: Game 8 winner vs. Game 12 winner, 1
Game 20: Game 7 winner vs. Game 11 winner, 2

MONDAY'S GAMES
Game 21: Game 9 loser vs. Game 13 winner, 1
Game 22: Game 10 loser vs. Game 14 winner, 3
Game 23: Game 11 loser vs. Game 15 winner, 5
Game 24: Game 12 loser vs. Game 16 winner, 7

TUESDAY, AUG. 25
Game 25: Game 18 loser vs. Game 23 winner, 1
Game 26: Game 17 loser vs. Game 24 winner, 3
Game 27: Game 20 loser vs. Game 21 winner, 5
Game 28: game 19 loser vs. Game 22 winner, 7

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 26
Game 29: Game 18 winner vs. Game 20 winner, 1
Game 30: Game 17 winner vs. Game 19 winner, 3
Game 31: Game 25 winner vs. Game 27 winner, 5
Game 32: Game 26 winner vs. Game 28 winner, 7

THURSDAY, AUG. 27
Game 33: Game 29 loser vs. Game 31 winner, 3
Game 34: Game 30 loser vs. Game 32 winner, 7

SATURDAY, AUG. 29
INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
Teams TBD, 12:30

U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP
Teams TBD, 3:30

SUNDAY, AUG. 30
THIRD PLACE
Teams TBD, 10 a.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP
Teams TBD, 3

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

AP PRESEASON TOP 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

		RECORD	PTS	PVS
1.	Ohio State (40)	0-0	1672	1
2.	Oregon (14)	0-0	1597	2
3.	Georgia	0-0	1513	3
4.	Notre Dame (6)	0-0	1510	4
5.	Texas	0-0	1483	5
6.	Indiana (8)	0-0	1440	6
7.	Miami (1)	0-0	1379	7
8.	Texas A&M	0-0	1131	8
9.	Mississippi	0-0	1102	9
10.	Oklahoma	0-0	1047	10
11.	LSU	0-0	988	11
12.	Texas Tech	0-0	983	12
13.	Alabama	0-0	904	13
14.	BYU	0-0	839	14
15.	USC	0-0	839	14
16.	Michigan	0-0	718	16
17.	Washington	0-0	501	17
18.	Penn State	0-0	482	18
19.	SMU	0-0	434	19
20.	Tennessee	0-0	394	20
21.	Utah	0-0	304	21
22.	Iowa	0-0	260	22
23.	Houston	0-0	252	23
24.	Louisville	0-0	198	24
25.	Missouri	0-0	117	25

Others receiving votes: Clemson 112, Florida 51, Boise State 43, Arizona 32, TCU 11, Navy 10, South Carolina 10, Illinois 9, Oklahoma State 8, Vanderbilt 8, Pittsburgh 7, Virginia Tech 6, Minnesota 5, UNLV 4, New Mexico 4, Georgia Tech 4, James Madison 3, Auburn 3, Memphis 2, California 2, Liberty 1, Western Michigan 1, Tulane 1, Virginia 1

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

Washington Nationals: Sent RHP Josiah Gray on a rehab assignment to Fredericksburg (CAR).
Baltimore Orioles: Sent C Samuel Basallo on a rehab assignment to Chesapeake (EL).

NFL

Washington Commanders: Signed LB Krys Barnes, DT Maurice Hurst II, TE Tre McKitty and RB Craig Reynolds. Released P Matt Haack and K Jake Moody. Placed WR River Cracraft and RB Jerome Ford on injured reserve.

PRO BASKETBALL

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	24	12	.667	—
x-Atlanta	21	13	.618	2
x-New York	22	14	.611	2
Washington	20	14	.588	3
x-Chicago	13	22	.371	10½
Toronto	10	24	.294	13
Connecticut	9	25	.265	14

WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Minnesota	29	7	.806	—
y-Golden State	25	9	.735	3
xy-Las Vegas	24	12	.667	5
Dallas	20	16	.556	9
Portland	15	20	.429	13½
Phoenix	13	23	.361	16
Los Angeles	12	23	.343	16½
Seattle	7	30	.189	22½

x-Late game; y-Clinched playoff spot

MONDAY'S RESULT
at Golden State 78, Dallas 70

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Indiana 101, at Toronto 95
at Connecticut 85, Los Angeles 77
Atlanta at Las Vegas, late
New York at Chicago, late

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Toronto at Washington, 7:30
Minnesota at Golden State, 10

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Indiana at Dallas, 8
Atlanta at Los Angeles, 10
Connecticut at Las Vegas, 10

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Minnesota at Washington, 7:30
Golden State at Chicago, 7:30
Portland at Toronto, 10

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Indiana at New York, 7
Connecticut at Los Angeles, 7:30
Atlanta at Phoenix, 10

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Seattle at Dallas, 4
Indiana at Chicago, 7
Washington at Portland, 7
Las Vegas at Toronto, 7

MYSTICS' NEXT THREE

vs. Toronto Tempo

Wednesday 7:30 Monumental

vs. Minnesota Lynx

Friday 7:30 ION

at Portland Fire

Sunday 7 Monumental

Radio: WTEM (980 AM)

Fever 101, Tempo 95

Indiana	33	24	24	20	—	101
Toronto	23	26	20	26	—	95

INDIANA	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Hull	14:09	2-6	0-0	1-6	0	3	4
Timpson	32:13	4-4	0-0	2-7	0	2	8
Boston	26:50	7-14	2-2	1-6	3	4	16
Clark	33:17	7-16	6-7	0-3	7	3	24
Mitchell	24:22	11-16	3-3	1-3	2	2	29
Cunningham	27:34	3-4	4-5	0-2	2	2	13
Harris	17:58	1-4	0-0	1-2	3	2	2
Billings	10:29	1-4	1-2	1-2	0	0	3
Hines-Allen	10:28	1-1	0-0	0-1	3	4	2
Johnson	2:41	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	**200**	**37-70**	**16-19**	**7-32**	**20**	**22**	**101**

Percentages: FG .529, FT .842. **3-Point Goals:** 11-25, .440 (Mitchell 4-6, Clark 4-9, Cunningham 3-3, Johnson 0-1, Boston 0-2, Harris 0-2, Hull 0-2). **Team Rebounds:** 11. **Team Turnovers:** 2. **Blocked Shots:** 3 (Boston 3). **Turnovers:** 15 (Clark 7, Billings 2, Mitchell 2, Boston, Hines-Allen, Hull, Timpson). **Steals:** 7 (Boston 2, Timpson 2, Billings, Harris, Mitchell). **Technical Fouls:** Mitchell, 9:02 third.

TORONTO	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Juskaite	19:42	0-4	2-4	2-6	0	1	2
Mabrey	28:32	7-21	3-4	0-1	3	2	22
Harrison	20:30	3-12	2-2	3-7	2	4	8
Rice	29:52	4-12	2-2	3-3	6	4	10
Sykes	21:28	6-15	3-3	1-2	5	1	15
Morrow	28:39	6-11	1-1	7-16	2	1	14
Fagbenle	19:30	5-6	0-2	0-3	0	1	13
Nurse	17:27	2-4	2-2	0-0	1	2	8
Bankole	14:20	1-2	0-0	2-3	0	4	3
TOTALS	**200**	**34-87**	**15-20**	**18-41**	**19**	**20**	**95**

Percentages: FG .391, FT .750. **3-Point Goals:** 12-37, .324 (Mabrey 5-14, Fagbenle 3-3, Nurse 2-4, Bankole 1-2, Morrow 1-5, Harrison 0-1, Rice 0-2, Juskaite 0-3, Sykes 0-3). **Team Rebounds:** 10. **Team Turnovers:** 1. **Blocked Shots:** 6 (Harrison 2, Fagbenle, Mabrey, Rice, Sykes). **Turnovers:** 11 (Mabrey 3, Juskaite 2, Rice 2, Fagbenle, Harrison, Morrow, Sykes). **Steals:** 6 (Harrison 2, Nurse 2, Bankole, Mabrey). **Technical Fouls:** Mabrey, 9:02 third. **A:** 19,300 (19,800). **T:** 2:07.

Sun 85, Sparks 77

Los Angeles	20	20	15	22	—	77
Connecticut	27	19	26	13	—	85

LOS ANGELES	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Burrell	29:45	7-12	4-6	1-1	6	1	19
Ogwumike	30:21	8-15	2-2	0-7	1	1	18
Hamby	27:52	5-14	5-6	2-5	3	2	15
Atkins	26:01	2-5	4-4	1-2	2	3	9
Morgan	19:57	4-5	0-0	0-0	0	2	8
Gray	20:03	2-6	0-0	1-2	3	1	4
Pili	15:27	0-4	0-2	2-4	2	1	0
Park	12:21	0-1	0-0	0-3	0	0	0
Martin	11:53	0-0	0-0	2-4	1	1	0
Cannon	6:20	1-2	2-3	1-1	0	3	4
TOTALS	**200**	**29-64**	**17-23**	**10-29**	**18**	**15**	**77**

Percentages: FG .453, FT .739. **3-Point Goals:** 2-16, .125 (Burrell 1-3, Atkins 1-4, Cannon 0-1, Hamby 0-1, Pili 0-1, Gray 0-3, Ogwumike 0-3). **Team Rebounds:** 9. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 4 (Burrell 2, Hamby, Martin). **Turnovers:** 16 (Hamby 4, Burrell 3, Morgan 3, Cannon 2, Atkins, Ogwumike, Park, Pili). **Steals:** 12 (Morgan 3, Atkins 2, Martin 2, Cannon, Gray, Hamby, Park, Pili). **Technical Fouls:** coach Lynne Roberts, 7:38 fourth.

CONNECTICUT	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Burke	26:23	7-12	0-0	1-4	1	2	17
Miller	29:05	6-11	0-1	0-3	1	4	13
Nelson-Ododa	29:15	7-11	4-4	4-11	1	3	18
Lacan	28:31	3-9	1-1	0-0	10	4	7
Leger-Walker	30:33	2-4	3-3	1-8	6	2	7
Rivers	24:39	5-13	1-2	2-4	3	1	11
Beers	13:32	4-5	0-0	1-2	1	2	8
Angloma	11:07	1-3	0-0	1-1	0	0	2
Jackson	5:11	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	1	2
Kneepkens	1:44	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	**200**	**36-71**	**9-11**	**10-33**	**23**	**19**	**85**

Percentages: FG .507, FT .818. **3-Point Goals:** 4-12, .333 (Burke 3-4, Miller 1-2, Angloma 0-1, Lacan 0-1, Jackson 0-2, Rivers 0-2). **Team Rebounds:** 7. **Team Turnovers:** 1. **Blocked Shots:** 3 (Nelson-Ododa 2, Leger-Walker). **Turnovers:** 17 (Nelson-Ododa 5, Rivers 3, Burke 2, Lacan 2, Leger-Walker 2, Angloma, Beers, Miller). **Steals:** 12 (Rivers 4, Beers 2, Angloma, Burke, Lacan, Leger-Walker, Miller, Nelson-Ododa). **Technical Fouls:** None. **A:** 16,378 (18,624). **T:** 1:59.

Valkyries 78, Wings 70

Late Monday

Dallas	19	9	18	24	—	70
Golden State	20	24	18	16	—	78

DALLAS	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Clark	20:48	1-2	0-0	0-4	2	2	3
Shepard	25:41	1-4	2-4	0-7	2	1	4
Smith	29:53	6-9	0-0	0-5	2	1	13
Bueckers	33:27	8-18	4-4	1-2	3	4	21
Ogunbowale	37:01	5-13	6-6	0-4	3	3	17
Kuier	20:07	1-3	1-1	2-7	0	2	3
Siegrist	16:02	3-5	0-0	0-3	0	3	7
Sims	12:18	0-3	0-0	1-1	2	0	0
Sutton	4:43	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	2
TOTALS	**200**	**26-58**	**13-15**	**4-33**	**15**	**16**	**70**

Percentages: FG .448, FT .867. **3-Point Goals:** 5-22, .227 (Clark 1-1, Siegrist 1-2, Smith 1-3, Bueckers 1-5, Ogunbowale 1-7, Kuier 0-2, Sims 0-2). **Team Rebounds:** 9. **Team Turnovers:** 2. **Blocked Shots:** 4 (Kuier 3, Siegrist). **Turnovers:** 16 (Bueckers 7, Clark 3, Smith 2, Sutton 2, Ogunbowale, Shepard). **Steals:** 7 (Ogunbowale 2, Smith 2, Bueckers, Kuier, Shepard). **Technical Fouls:** None.

GOLDEN STATE	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Thornton	32:57	2-8	2-2	2-3	1	3	7
Zandalasini	14:57	2-6	0-0	0-2	4	0	5
Stokes	23:46	0-1	0-0	1-5	0	1	0
Burton	32:28	5-11	3-4	2-4	5	2	16
G.Williams	32:09	8-20	4-4	0-7	3	1	23
Hayes	19:38	4-11	0-0	2-4	1	5	10
Salaun	18:49	3-10	2-2	1-3	2	1	10
Charles	13:49	2-3	1-2	2-2	0	0	5
Chen	8:18	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	2
Amihere	3:09	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
TOTALS	**200**	**27-72**	**12-14**	**10-30**	**17**	**14**	**78**

Percentages: FG .375, FT .857. **3-Point Goals:** 12-36, .333 (Burton 3-6, G.Williams 3-8, Hayes 2-5, Salaun 2-6, Zandalasini 1-4, Thornton 1-5, Charles 0-1, Chen 0-1). **Team Rebounds:** 9. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 1 (Stokes). **Turnovers:** 11 (G.Williams 5, Burton, Charles, Chen, Hayes, Salaun, Zandalasini). **Steals:** 7 (G.Williams 4, Burton 2, Hayes). **Technical Fouls:** None. **A:** 18,064 (18,064). **T:** 2:00.

SOCCER

MLS

EAST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	13	2	4	43	39	15
Inter Miami CF	11	3	5	38	46	36
Chicago	10	6	2	32	34	24
New England	9	7	3	30	29	25
Charlotte FC	8	7	4	28	32	28
Cincinnati	7	6	6	27	46	45
New York City FC	7	7	5	26	33	27
New York	7	8	4	25	30	41
D.C. United	5	5	9	24	27	30
Orlando City	6	10	3	21	31	48
Columbus	5	9	5	20	27	31
Toronto FC	4	7	8	20	26	33
Philadelphia	5	10	4	19	28	35
CF Montreal	4	10	5	17	25	36
Atlanta	4	12	3	15	21	34

WEST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	11	3	4	37	40	17
Houston	11	6	2	35	28	24
Los Angeles FC	10	6	4	34	35	20
San Jose	10	6	3	33	38	27
FC Dallas	8	5	6	30	34	26
St. Louis City SC	8	6	5	29	27	25
Real Salt Lake	8	6	4	28	30	26
Colorado	8	10	1	25	29	25
Minnesota United	6	6	7	25	21	26
Portland	7	9	3	24	34	35
Seattle	7	8	3	24	20	24
San Diego FC	6	7	6	24	33	29
LA Galaxy	5	8	7	22	24	30
Austin FC	4	10	5	17	23	38
Sporting KC	4	13	2	14	18	48

x-Late match

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
D.C. United 1, at CF Montreal 1
at Atlanta 2, New York 1
at Charlotte FC 3, Columbus 1
Cincinnati 1, at Orlando City 1
at Toronto FC 2, New England 1
at Houston 1, LA Galaxy 0
at Nashville 4, Miami 1
at Colorado 2, Sporting KC 0
Minnesota 1, at Real Salt Lake 1
San Diego FC 1, at Los Angeles FC 0
St. Louis City SC 3, at San Jose 1

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Chicago 2, at Portland 1
at Philadelphia 3, New York City FC 2
at FC Dallas 2, Austin FC 1
at Vancouver 2, Seattle 0

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES
New England at D.C. United, 7:30
New York City FC at Cincinnati, 7:30
CF Montreal at Columbus, 7:30
Nashville at New York, 7:30
Chicago at Orlando City, 7:30
Miami at Philadelphia, 7:30
Charlotte FC at Toronto FC, 7:30
St. Louis City SC at Sporting KC, 8
Atlanta at Minnesota, 8:30
Los Angeles FC at Colorado, 9:30
FC Dallas at Real Salt Lake, 9:30
Austin FC at Seattle, 9:30
San Jose at LA Galaxy, 10:30
San Diego FC at Portland, 10:30
Houston at Vancouver, 10:30

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
D.C. United at Charlotte FC, 7:30
Seattle at Cincinnati, 7:30
Toronto FC at Miami, 7:30
LA Galaxy at CF Montreal, 7:30
Chicago at New York, 7:30
Real Salt Lake at Orlando City, 7:30
Philadelphia at Austin FC, 8:30
Columbus at Nashville, 8:30
Houston at St. Louis City SC, 8:30
FC Dallas at Vancouver, 9:30
Portland at Los Angeles FC, 10:30
Colorado at San Diego FC, 10:30
Minnesota at San Jose, 10:30

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
New York City FC at New England, 4:30
Sporting KC at Atlanta, 7

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Gotham FC	13	3	4	43	26	13
Washington	11	5	4	37	30	18
Utah	11	6	3	36	35	23
Portland	10	6	4	34	34	29
San Diego	10	7	3	33	25	21
North Carolina	9	7	3	30	34	29
Kansas City	9	8	3	30	31	28
Seattle	8	7	3	27	23	23
Angel City	7	7	4	25	27	20
Denver	6	7	6	24	25	25
Houston	6	8	5	23	23	28
Orlando	7	11	2	23	24	31
Louisville	6	11	2	20	28	36
Boston	5	10	5	20	23	32
Bay FC	5	10	4	19	20	27
Chicago	4	14	1	13	9	34

x-Late match

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
at Gotham FC 2, Kansas City 1
Denver, at San Diego 1
at Seattle 1, Chicago 0
at Utah 3, Bay FC 2

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
at Louisville 4, Boston 1
at Portland 2, Orlando 1

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Washington 1, at Angel City 1
Houston 3, at North Carolina 2

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES
Seattle at Louisville, 6:30
Chicago at Houston, 8

FRIDAY'S MATCHES
Utah at San Diego, 10

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Seattle at Kansas City, 6:30
Boston Legacy FC at North Carolina, 7:30
Denver Summit FC at Portland, 8:45

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Orlando at Washington, 4
Louisville at Chicago, 2
Houston at Bay FC, 6
Gotham FC at Angel City, 8

WEDNESDAY'S MATCH
Angel City at North Carolina, 8

FRIDAY, AUG. 28
Portland at Gotham FC, 8
Louisville at San Diego, 10

USL Championship

EAST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	13	2	5	44	38	19
Charleston	10	7	3	33	39	27
Detroit City FC	9	5	5	32	26	17
Louisville	9	7	4	31	36	34
Pittsburgh	9	8	3	30	23	21
Indy	7	7	4	25	21	21
Rhode Island FC	7	7	4	25	27	21
Hartford	5	5	9	24	15	18
Miami	5	9	7	22	25	34
Loudoun	3	6	10	19	21	30
Birmingham	3	7	8	17	20	24
Brooklyn FC	3	11	4	13	18	34
Sporting Jax	1	14	5	8	23	52

WEST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Orange County	9	4	7	34	31	25
New Mexico	10	4	3	33	26	17
San Antonio	8	4	8	32	26	24
El Paso	9	7	4	31	32	27
Sacramento	8	5	6	30	25	16
Tulsa	8	6	5	29	20	18
Las Vegas	8	7	5	29	28	28
Lexington SC	8	7	4	28	28	23
Colorado Springs	8	7	4	28	31	28
Oakland	5	8	8	23	26	30
Phoenix	5	7	7	22	24	26
Monterey Bay FC	4	13	4	16	22	37

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Loudoun 0, at Detroit City FC 0
at Hartford 2, Miami 1
at Pittsburgh 3, Charleston 1
Indy 1, at Sporting Jax 0
at Tampa Bay 2, Rhode Island FC 0
at Colorado 3, Birmingham 2
El Paso 3, at San Antonio 0
at New Mexico 1, Tulsa 0
Monterey Bay FC 1, at Oakland 1
Louisville 3, at Orange County 2
at Las Vegas 2, Brooklyn FC 1
at Sacramento 1, Lexington SC 0

WEDNESDAY'S MATCH
Colorado at Phoenix, 10

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
New Mexico at Loudoun, 6:30
Pittsburgh at Brooklyn FC, 7
Tampa Bay at Detroit City FC, 7
Louisville at Indy, 7
Las Vegas at Lexington SC, 7
Monterey Bay FC at Rhode Island FC, 7:30
Miami at Charleston, 7:35
Sporting Jax at Birmingham, 8
El Paso at Colorado, 9
Oakland at San Antonio, 9
Tulsa at Orange County, 10
Phoenix at Sacramento, 11

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 26
Pittsburgh at El Paso, 9
Lexington SC at New Mexico, 9:30

GOLF

PGA Tour

FEDEX CUP LEADERS

Through Sunday.

		Points	Money
1.	Scottie Scheffler	4,873	$20,511,275
2.	Matt Fitzpatrick	3,426	$14,118,067
3.	Cameron Young	3,183	$14,302,482
4.	Si Woo Kim	2,701	$9,610,944
5.	Wyndham Clark	2,542	$10,636,186
6.	Sam Burns	2,416	$8,743,540
7.	Chris Gotterup	2,288	$7,882,219
8.	Tommy Fleetwood	2,247	$6,984,605
9.	Collin Morikawa	2,242	$8,601,712
10.	Ludvig Åberg	2,130	$6,835,271
11.	Xander Schauffele	1,981	$7,275,225
12.	Jacob Bridgeman	1,761	$7,678,365
13.	Rory McIlroy	1,745	$8,506,606
14.	Russell Henley	1,740	$6,019,835
15.	Akshay Bhatia	1,730	$7,514,799
16.	Hideki Matsuyama	1,600	$5,526,457
17.	Ryan Gerard	1,540	$5,987,898
18.	Min Woo Lee	1,481	$5,693,252
19.	Kristoffer Reitan	1,473	$6,227,739
20.	Alex Fitzpatrick	1,416	$4,590,614
21.	J.J. Spaun	1,414	$4,878,908
22.	Viktor Hovland	1,397	$6,371,326
23.	Alex Smalley	1,375	$5,118,908
24.	Justin Rose	1,355	$4,939,356
25.	Ryan Fox	1,352	$5,468,659
26.	Tom Kim	1,341	$4,663,710
27.	Adam Scott	1,315	$4,149,268
28.	Kurt Kitayama	1,259	$5,047,158
29.	Bud Cauley	1,258	$4,493,948
30.	Rickie Fowler	1,258	$4,870,736
31.	Gary Woodland	1,256	$4,409,712
32.	J.T. Poston	1,237	$5,752,029
33.	Nicolai Højgaard	1,208	$4,822,868
34.	Alex Noren	1,197	$4,169,215
35.	Jake Knapp	1,196	$3,882,296
36.	Robert MacIntyre	1,191	$4,353,388
37.	Aaron Rai	1,146	$5,094,602
38.	Ben Griffin	1,124	$4,103,407
39.	Sepp Straka	1,122	$4,307,687
40.	Sungjae Im	1,052	$3,190,077
41.	Michael Thorbjornsen	1,051	$3,750,041
42.	Nicolas Echavarria	1,040	$3,768,179
43.	Patrick Cantlay	1,029	$3,923,596
44.	Justin Thomas	1,027	$3,654,774
45.	Ryo Hisatsune	908	$3,335,671
46.	Sahith Theegala	898	$3,182,448
47.	Michael Brennan	875	$2,818,668
48.	Eric Cole	875	$2,869,154
49.	Maverick McNealy	863	$3,306,377
50.	Matthew McCarty	845	$3,044,181
51.	Keith Mitchell	838	$2,876,447
52.	Jordan Spieth	818	$3,142,574
53.	Max Homa	811	$2,689,554
54.	Harris English	798	$2,744,753
55.	Pierceson Coody	795	$2,879,709
56.	Harry Hall	777	$2,634,758
57.	Sam Stevens	760	$2,688,189
58.	Sudarshan Yellamaraju	752	$2,634,639
59.	Corey Conners	730	$2,552,971
60.	Daniel Berger	709	$3,325,228
61.	Michael Kim	706	$2,533,219
62.	Shane Lowry	683	$2,514,221
63.	Nick Taylor	668	$2,432,660
64.	Patrick Rodgers	657	$2,538,290
65.	Brian Harman	643	$2,464,739
66.	Jordan L. Smith	638	$2,041,932
67.	Jackson Koivun	625	$1,947,262
68.	Aldrich Potgieter	599	$1,969,406
69.	Ricky Castillo	598	$1,747,734
70.	Matti Schmid	597	$1,786,514
71.	Steven Fisk	573	$1,692,519
72.	Beau Hossler	550	$1,548,296
73.	Matt Wallace	550	$1,930,724
74.	Keegan Bradley	548	$2,225,547
75.	Mac Meissner	546	$1,685,976
76.	Andrew Putnam	538	$1,959,004
77.	Davis Thompson	516	$1,542,788
78.	Johnny Keefer	504	$1,738,454
79.	Jackson Suber	500	$1,693,527
80.	Austin Smotherman	498	$1,888,736
81.	Tom Hoge	497	$1,778,908
82.	Jason Day	495	$1,864,529
83.	Stephan Jaeger	494	$1,651,123
84.	Andrew Novak	489	$1,777,945
85.	David Lipsky	487	$1,584,323
86.	Denny McCarthy	473	$1,652,371
87.	Brandt Snedeker	462	$1,220,767
88.	Zachary Bauchou	459	$1,336,103
89.	Taylor Pendrith	458	$1,520,679
90.	Kevin Roy	457	$1,320,034
91.	Chandler Phillips	449	$1,392,538
92.	Kevin Yu	441	$1,319,753
93.	Doug Ghim	439	$1,259,146
94.	Brooks Koepka	438	$1,658,567
95.	John Parry	435	$1,290,549
96.	Ben Kohles	426	$1,259,281
97.	Christiaan Bezuidenhout	422	$1,108,094
98.	Tony Finau	416	$1,621,910
99.	Rasmus Neergaard-Petersen	404	$1,098,718
100.	Billy Horschel	403	$1,362,544
101.	Lucas Glover	398	$1,433,605
102.	Taylor Moore	379	$1,283,441
103.	Max Greyserman	379	$1,475,909
104.	Kris Ventura	373	$1,180,422
105.	A.J. Ewart	373	$1,036,911
106.	Lee Hodges	371	$1,172,645
107.	Rasmus Højgaard	370	$1,189,949
108.	Benjamin James	365	$1,119,670
109.	Emiliano Grillo	361	$1,161,769
110.	Chandler Blanchet	347	$998,300
111.	Davis Riley	329	$1,153,946
112.	Marco Penge	329	$1,169,674
113.	Rico Hoey	326	$949,319
114.	Seamus Power	310	$943,759
115.	Keita Nakajima	288	$850,071
116.	William Mouw	287	$1,004,371
117.	Zecheng Dou	284	$824,818
118.	Mackenzie Hughes	283	$847,677
119.	Mark Hubbard	282	$800,419
120.	Austin Eckroat	276	$844,083
121.	Joel Dahmen	274	$845,600
122.	Zac Blair	265	$835,975
123.	Max McGreevy	256	$823,986
124.	Adrien Dumont De Chassart	248	$671,386
125.	Jesper Svensson	240	$863,313
126.	Matthieu Pavon	236	$674,303
127.	Seonghyeon Kim	235	$710,507
128.	Chris Kirk	231	$810,565
129.	Karl Vilips	226	$631,942
130.	Davis Chatfield	220	$543,011
131.	Hayden Springer	220	$626,747
132.	Chad Ramey	219	$690,382
133.	Hao-Tong Li	218	$741,536
134.	Gordon Sargent	211	$573,114
135.	Brice Garnett	210	$639,166
136.	Pontus Nyholm	205	$576,724
137.	David Skinns	193	$440,914
138.	Jimmy Stanger	192	$586,392
139.	Ben Silverman	190	$521,220
140.	Hank Lebioda	188	$576,457
141.	Jhonattan Vegas	178	$750,811
142.	Daniel Brown	175	$485,126
143.	Matt Kuchar	172	$539,464
144.	Takumi Kanaya	169	$504,146
145.	Patrick Fishburn	159	$429,988
146.	Erik Van Rooyen	154	$416,807
147.	Luke Clanton	149	$432,974
148.	Kevin Streelman	140	$353,154
149.	Joe Highsmith	138	$516,150
150.	Sam Ryder	138	$368,375

Korn Ferry Tour

MONEY LEADERS

Through Sunday.

		Trn	Money
1.	Ross Steelman	18	$638,738
2.	Doc Redman	19	$521,093
3.	Ian Holt	18	$481,403
4.	Alistair Docherty	17	$438,068
5.	Cole Sherwood	18	$436,314
6.	Tommy Morrison	6	$392,723
7.	Hunter Eichhorn	20	$379,097
8.	Jeremy Gandon	20	$363,621
9.	Dylan Menante	20	$359,717
10.	Michael Johnson	20	$334,085
11.	Taylor Dickson	19	$303,140
12.	Blades Brown	14	$299,689
13.	Ben Kohles	12	$295,570
14.	Ian Gilligan	19	$279,066
15.	Cooper Dossey	19	$275,050
16.	Alvaro Ortiz	20	$265,164
17.	Davis Shore	20	$264,231
18.	Davis Lamb	20	$260,209
19.	Caleb VanArragon	19	$241,620
20.	James Nicholas	17	$240,015
21.	Zack Fischer	15	$237,594
22.	Robby Shelton	20	$236,083
23.	Cole Hammer	17	$230,953
24.	Derek Hitchner	20	$230,005
25.	John Pak	19	$225,080
26.	Ben Carr	16	$222,688
27.	Carson Young	15	$221,029
28.	Mason Andersen	19	$216,486
29.	Frankie Harris	7	$214,707
30.	Drew Nesbitt	17	$209,701
31.	Logan McAllister	19	$206,005
32.	Zac Blair	9	$198,461
33.	Ryo Ishikawa	19	$181,844
34.	Sandy Scott	15	$177,857
35.	Joseph Bramlett	20	$176,794
36.	Jay Card III	20	$171,995
37.	Jorge Fernandez Valdes	19	$171,944
38.	Roger Sloan	19	$168,441
39.	Nick Gabrelcik	19	$166,397
40.	Kyle Westmoreland	19	$162,487
41.	Travis Trace	15	$157,030
42.	Adam Hadwin	10	$150,465
43.	Chan Kim	14	$145,749
44.	Mitchell Meissner	20	$144,563
45.	Ben Taylor	20	$143,463
46.	Nicolo Galletti	19	$142,846
47.	Jackson Buchanan	19	$142,577
48.	Taylor Montgomery	15	$141,775
49.	S.Y. Noh	16	$139,749
50.	Will Chandler	20	$139,684

World Golf Ranking

Through Sunday.

1.	Scottie Scheffler	17.70
2.	Rory McIlroy	8.76
3.	Cameron Young	7.98
4.	Matt Fitzpatrick	7.15
5.	Tommy Fleetwood	5.58
6.	Russell Henley	5.57
7.	Sam Burns	5.44
8.	Wyndham Clark	5.42
9.	Chris Gotterup	5.30
10.	Xander Schauffele	5.28

LPGA Tour

MONEY LEADERS

Through Sunday.

		Trn	Money
1.	Nelly Korda	13	$6,178,125
2.	Haeran Ryu	14	$4,432,201
3.	Jeeno Thitikul	15	$2,301,398
4.	Ina Yoon	15	$2,129,725
5.	Brooke M. Henderson	14	$2,080,635
6.	Miyu Yamashita	16	$1,942,920
7.	Charley Hull	13	$1,776,023
8.	Hyo Joo Kim	13	$1,774,409
9.	Ruoning Yin	15	$1,774,093
10.	Gaby Lopez	12	$1,761,040
11.	Hannah Green	12	$1,684,098
12.	Sei Young Kim	14	$1,613,692
13.	Jin Hee Im	17	$1,613,528
14.	Lottie Woad	17	$1,469,820
15.	Esther Henseleit	16	$1,414,797
16.	Aki Iwai	20	$1,402,825
17.	Patty Tavatanakit	13	$1,331,228
18.	Auston Kim	14	$1,252,206
19.	Allisen Corpuz	15	$1,155,724
20.	Lauren Coughlin	15	$1,138,780
21.	Alison Lee	11	$1,084,331
22.	Lydia Ko	14	$1,027,933
23.	A Lim Kim	16	$989,250
24.	Minami Katsu	18	$984,238
25.	Dewi Weber	16	$935,458
26.	Nasa Hataoka	14	$929,620
27.	Hye-Jin Choi	18	$918,010
28.	Celine Boutier	16	$904,389
29.	Somi Lee	17	$902,420
30.	In Gee Chun	12	$900,895
31.	Yealimi Noh	16	$899,114
32.	Maja Stark	15	$869,549
33.	Jennifer Kupcho	16	$834,512
34.	Yan Liu	18	$820,020
35.	Pajaree Anannarukarn	17	$795,184
36.	Mao Saigo	14	$744,848
37.	Arpichaya Yubol	15	$739,851
38.	Rio Takeda	16	$732,180
39.	Chizzy Iwai	20	$727,645
40.	Karis Davidson	14	$707,978
41.	Amy Yang	13	$675,451
42.	Wei-Ling Hsu	18	$665,814
43.	Jenny Shin	14	$644,176
44.	Minji Kang	16	$601,749
45.	Yana Wilson	14	$586,352
46.	Ayaka Furue	17	$575,762
47.	Angel Yin	11	$548,546
48.	Jenny Bae	18	$534,014
49.	Erika Hara	17	$532,735
50.	Mi Hyang Lee	13	$525,015

TENNIS

ATP/WTA

CINCINATI OPEN
At Lindner Family Tennis Center; In Cincinnati
Purse: $9,415,725
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor

MEN'S SINGLES — ROUND OF 32
Christopher O'Connell, Australia, def. Joao Fonseca (23), Brazil, walkover; Nuno Borges, Portugal, def. Andrey Rublev (13), Russia, 6-3, 6-4; Lorenzo Musetti (10), Italy, def. Michael Zheng, United States, 6-1, 6-3; Taylor Fritz (6), United States, def. Daniel Merida, Spain, 6-3, 6-4; Brandon Nakashima (27), United States, def. Daniil Medvedev (4), Russia, 6-7 (7-3), 7-6 (7-4), 6-1; Jaime Faria, Portugal, def. Adam Walton, Australia, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3); Felix Auger-Aliassime (2), Canada, def. Juan Manuel Cerundolo, Argentina, 7-5, 6-1.

WOMEN'S SINGLES — ROUND OF 32
Madison Keys (20), United States, def. Katerina Siniakova (33), Czech Republic, 6-1, 6-3; Wang Xiyu, China, def. Elina Svitolina (8), Ukraine, walkover; Mirra Andreeva (5), Russia, def. Janice Tjen (32), Indonesia, 6-1, 7-6 (7-5); Coco Gauff (4), United States, def. Ann Li (28), United States, 6-1, 7-6 (7-3); Marta Kostyuk (10), Ukraine, def. Sloane Stephens, United States, 7-5, 7-5; Sara Bejlek, Czech Republic, def. Ekaterina Alexandrova (16), Russia, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2; Aryna Sabalenka (1), Belarus, def. Wang Xinyu, China, 6-1, 6-3.

MEN'S DOUBLES — ROUND OF 32
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9. Elina Svitolina, Ukraine, 4634
10. Amanda Anisimova, USA, 4353
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Judge: Plan to move FBI base to Md. can't be dropped

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION WANTS IT IN D.C.

In 2023, GSA approved relocating it to Pr. George's

BY **KATIE METTLER** AND **JASMINE GOLDEN**

A federal judge ordered the Trump administration to abandon its plans to keep the FBI headquarters in D.C., ruling it was improper for the Justice Department to usurp the U.S. General Services Administration's Biden-era decision to relocate the agency to Maryland.

In a Monday order, U.S. District Judge Theodore D. Chuang in Maryland barred FBI Director Kash Patel and Attorney General Todd Blanche from moving the bureau to the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Northwest Washington.

The Justice Department and FBI did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Maryland Attorney General Anthony G. Brown (D) said in a statement that the legal victory is "about more than a building."

"It is about ensuring that when Congress makes a decision, the Federal Government cannot simply ignore it because they do not like the outcome," Brown said. "Congress made a promise. The Trump Administration tried to break it. Now, the jobs, investment, and opportunity Marylanders deserve are within reach."

Gov. Wes Moore (D) said in a statement that President Donald Trump had "failed" to "take from Maryland what Maryland had already won."

"Now it is time to stop the games," Moore said, "and get to work building the world-class FBI headquarters that our public servants deserve, where it belongs: in Prince George's County, Maryland."

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), which oversees federal real estate, approved a plan in 2023 during the Biden administration to move the FBI from its current headquarters inside the J. Edgar Hoover Building in D.C. to Greenbelt in Prince George's County, a suburb located east of the nation's capital. That decision, which came after a years-long review process, was then changed by the Trump administration last summer.

Attorneys representing Brown's office and Prince George's County filed a lawsuit in November 2025 alleging that the Trump officials had violated federal law when they disregarded explicit congressional directives related to potential sites for the new FBI complex. The Trump administration also failed to consult with the state when it chose to move the agency to the Reagan building, the lawsuit claimed.

For decades, the decrepit Hoover building has been crumbling and studies have found it to be insufficiently secure. The agency launched a search for a

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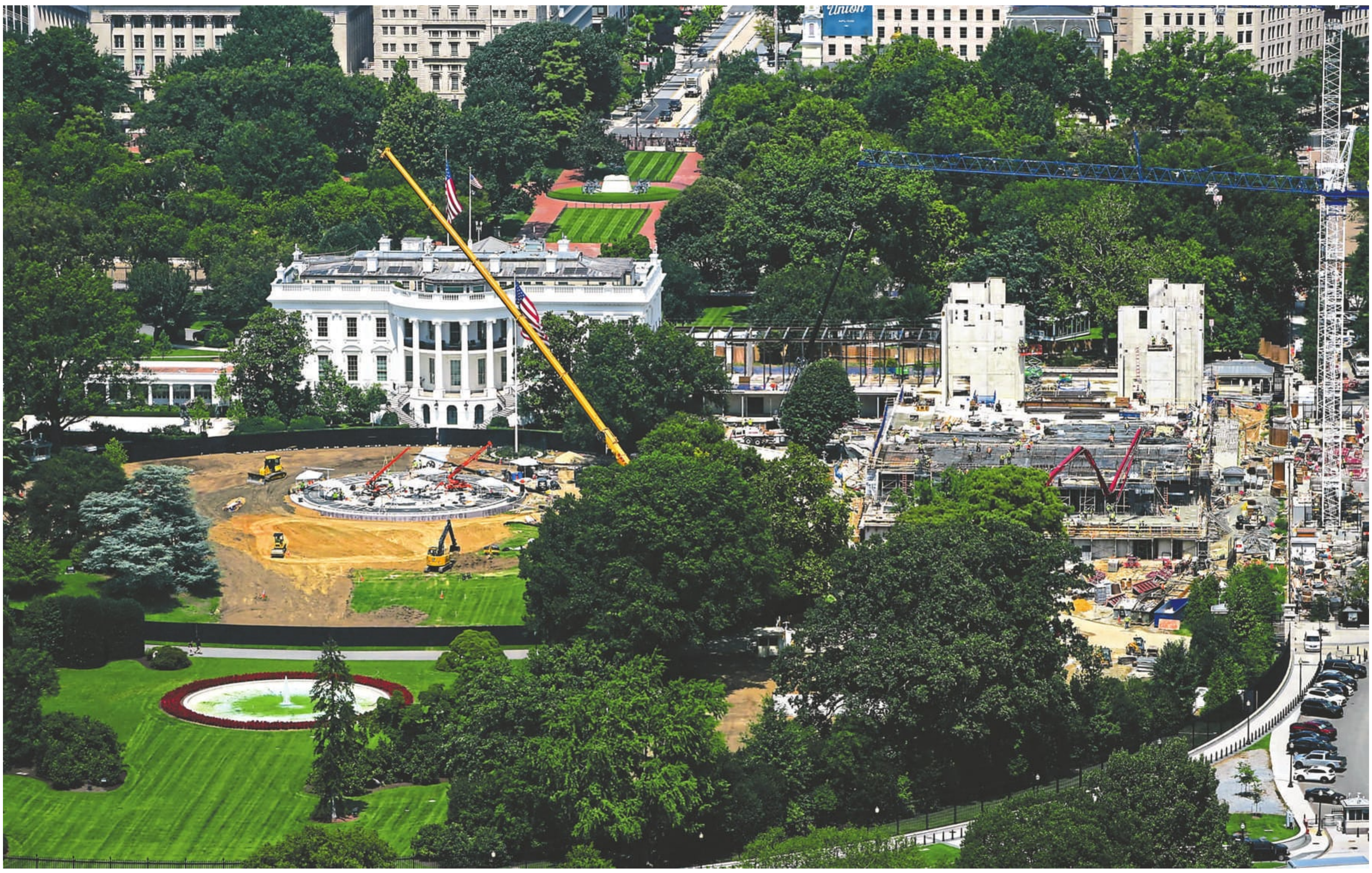

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Construction continues at the White House on Monday. Historic preservationists on Tuesday asked the Supreme Court to keep ballroom construction on hold while litigation plays out.

Ballroom opponents request to keep project on hold

BY **DAN DIAMOND**, **JONATHAN EDWARDS** AND **JUSTIN JOUVENAL**

Historic preservationists on Tuesday asked the Supreme Court to keep President Donald Trump's ballroom construction on hold while litigation plays out, warning of an administration effort to "outrun judicial review."

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, which sued last year to halt the project, said Trump had exceeded his authority by attempting to build the planned $400 million ballroom by soliciting private donations rather than seeking congressional approval. They also criticized the White House for racing to complete its construction, with administration officials last week telling the high court that work is "65 percent complete" and that it is too late to stop the project.

"Rather than obtain permission from Congress, Petitioners have instead decided to try to outrun judicial review," the National Trust wrote in its filing.

A divided federal appeals court panel ordered administration officials to halt construction on the ballroom by Friday unless the project is authorized by Congress — which will not happen, given that lawmakers are on recess with no plans to return before the end of the month.

The Trump administration last week asked the court to remove that block, saying that the project must move forward for national security reasons. Senior officials told the Supreme Court that the large ballroom will help shield the White House grounds, provide a safe place for the president to meet with foreign leaders and other VIPs, and offer other benefits to fortify the complex.

Trump has also attacked the historical preservationists as "treasonists" for seeking to prevent his ballroom project from moving forward. The president has increasingly conflated a military complex being built underneath the ballroom — which courts have said is allowed to proceed — with the ballroom itself, insisting that the two projects are inseparable.

The National Trust has said that it is not opposed to construction necessary for national security. But the

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U.S. attorney slams order to release woman

Melissa L. Farris accused of vandalizing World War II Memorial

BY **LIAM SCOTT**

U.S. Attorney Jeanine Pirro slammed a federal judge's decision Monday to order the release of a woman accused of vandalizing the World War II Memorial in Washington last week.

"If anyone is a flight risk, it is certainly her," Pirro, D.C.'s top prosecutor, said in a statement.

The Justice Department had asked that Melissa L. Farris, 41, be held in pretrial detention, saying it recovered evidence from her phone that showed she was searching online for bus and airline tickets on the evening the incident occurred.

Court records also say that Farris had purchased dish soap and spray paint shortly before the incident, and had been cited days earlier for camping on federal property.

"In what world does it make sense to release a defendant charged with two federal felonies who has no ties to this community, holds a Kentucky driver's license, has no home address, has been camping in Washington for several weeks, immediately after the crime searched for flights to Michigan, then traveled to Virginia, and claims to have friends in Ohio?" Pirro said in a statement.

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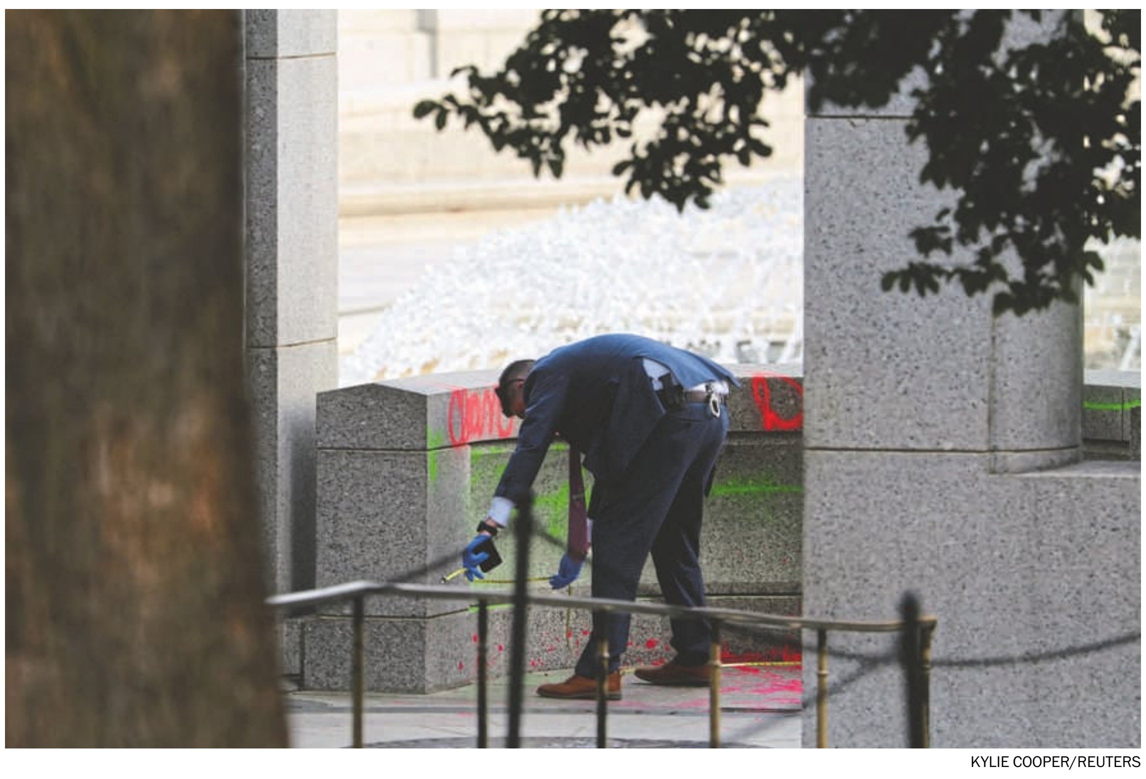

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An investigator works at the World War II Memorial last week after an apparent act of vandalism.

TODAY'S WEATHER

8 a.m.	Noon	4 p.m.	8 p.m.
74°	85°	90°	84°

High today at approx. 4 p.m.: **90°**
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Judge orders Trump officials to abandon their plans for FBI base

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new home in 2016, and three sites — two in Maryland and one in Virginia — emerged as final candidates.

During a lengthy and competitive bid process, Maryland leaders argued they could host a safer headquarters for the nation's leading law enforcement agency — and that acquiring the contract would be an economic boon to Prince George's County.

They won the deal, frustrating both Virginia lawmakers and the FBI top brass, who favored a site in Springfield, Virginia.

But in early 2025, just months into President Trump's second term in the White House, he announced he would be keeping the FBI in D.C. Patel and the GSA later formalized the decision and moved to redirect funds for a Reagan building renovation that had been previously appropriated by Congress for other purposes.

At the time, GSA officials characterized the move as an efficient way to avoid $300 million in delayed maintenance costs to the Hoover building and "billions" in constructing a new campus in Greenbelt. In a prospectus that included a "30-year, present-value cost analysis," the GSA estimated the renovation cost would be $1.6 billion while new construction could rise to $2.4 billion.

But Chuang, in his Monday order, ruled those arguments were insufficient and the move a violation of federal law. Congress, he wrote, has never signed off on the change — pointing to language federal lawmakers passed in the 2026 Appropriations Act Provision that expressly bars the use of previously appropriated funds for a Reagan building renovation until the FBI submits a complete architectural and building plan for the administration's proposed new headquarters.

No such plan has been submitted, Chuang wrote in his decision.

"The Trump Administration had no grounds to ignore this selection, or redirect even one penny that Congress specifically appropriated for construction of the competitively selected site," Democratic members of Maryland's congressional delegation said in a joint statement Monday. "We're glad to see the Court acknowledge this fact, ruling that the Trump Administration's actions are unlawful and void."

Prince George's County Executive Aisha N. Braveboy said in an interview that an FBI headquarters in Prince George's would bring 7,500 jobs and the single largest investment in county history.

"This was not something that we just asked to be given to us. We competed with other jurisdictions in the region and won," Braveboy said. "What that represents is not only a $4 billion investment, but also the opportunity to grow our quantum computing and cybersecurity industries in Prince George's County."

The judge ordered state and Trump administration officials to file a joint status report in the next two weeks, outlining proposed next steps in the litigation.

"We are going to be vigilant because we know that the Trump administration could appeal this decision. We think it was the right decision, so we're happy to take on an appeal if one comes," Braveboy said of the effort by state and county officials, including Brown and county attorney Anthony Jones. "But this is really about equity. And we're going to fight for our residents here in Prince George's County."

"We're in it to win it," she said.

J. Edgar Hoover FBI Building

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The Trump administration sought to keep the FBI's headquarters in D.C., despite the U.S. General Services Administration approving a plan in 2023 to move the agency to Greenbelt in Prince George's County, a suburb located east of the nation's capital.

Perry Stein contributed to this report.

MARYLAND

Ocean City's plan for sports complex site collapses after residents object

BY **JOSH DAVIS**
Baltimore Sun

Ocean City's $8.7 million plan to buy 200 acres west of Berlin for a sports complex collapsed Monday after dozens of residents from rural St. Martin's warned that it would replace working farmland with tournament traffic, noise and development close to their homes. After two hours of debate, Councilman Jake Mitrecic withdrew his second to the purchase motion, causing it to fail without a vote.

The fight over the property also exposed deeper concerns about Ocean City's economic future. In a nearly 20-minute monologue, Councilman John Gehrig warned that the resort's traditional tourism model was slowly eroding and accused his colleagues of walking away from one of the few ideas big enough to reverse the decline.

Six days earlier, the council voted 7-0 to advance the purchase of two Harrison's Farm LLC parcels north of Route 50. The indoor-and-outdoor complex would host tournaments and community programs beyond summer. It was the latest candidate in a decade-long search spanning more than 100 properties; an earlier site near Stephen Decatur High School was abandoned in February after protests.

Once again, support evaporated after council members heard from neighbors.

"I do believe that an Ocean City sports complex could be successful, but not in this location," Council President Matt James said.

Sawyer Hudson, whose family runs a neighboring farm stand, warned that tournament traffic would endanger farmers moving equipment and could invite hotels, restaurants and development.

"We value our way of life here," Hudson wrote in an email to the Baltimore Sun, "and we feel that … they need to do it in town limits and not in our neighborhood."

Resident Bob Arthur offered a harsher description Monday night.

"Ocean City is a circus, with the lights and the flair and the crime that goes unreported," Arthur said. "Rural Worcester County does not want to have Ocean City's circus in our rural backyards — and, in my case, 25 feet from my house."

Martin Branigan, a resident and member of the city's sports complex task force since 2023, said it was time to end the effort.

"We've been going to these meetings for three years," Branigan said. "Just move to cancel it and stop wasting our time."

Gehrig refused to concede and said rejecting the still-undesigned complex was premature. The council could walk away later, but "killing it before it's born" made little sense.

He argued that the government can raise taxes and fees or pursue projects that make money. More broadly, Gehrig said Ocean City's average visitor stay had fallen over a period of several years from three nights to 2.3 as travelers gained more choices.

"It's just the slow drip of time," he said. "The tourism trends are changing, period."

Sports tourism could fill rooms beyond summer, Gehrig argued, as the convention center and Ocean City's major concerts had done.

"There are no other big ideas," he said. "We need to do something. We need to be bold. And we need to have courage."

He later added, "To be quitters now, guys should be ashamed."

Mitrecic said rejecting the location did not mean he had abandoned the larger project.

"I'm not chickening out," Mitrecic said. "I want this bad, but not bad enough to screw it up where we can't make it happen in the future."

Gehrig had the last word.

"It will always be in someone's backyard," he said. "At some point, we're gonna have to take it a little further."

Historic preservationists seek to keep Trump's ballroom project on hold

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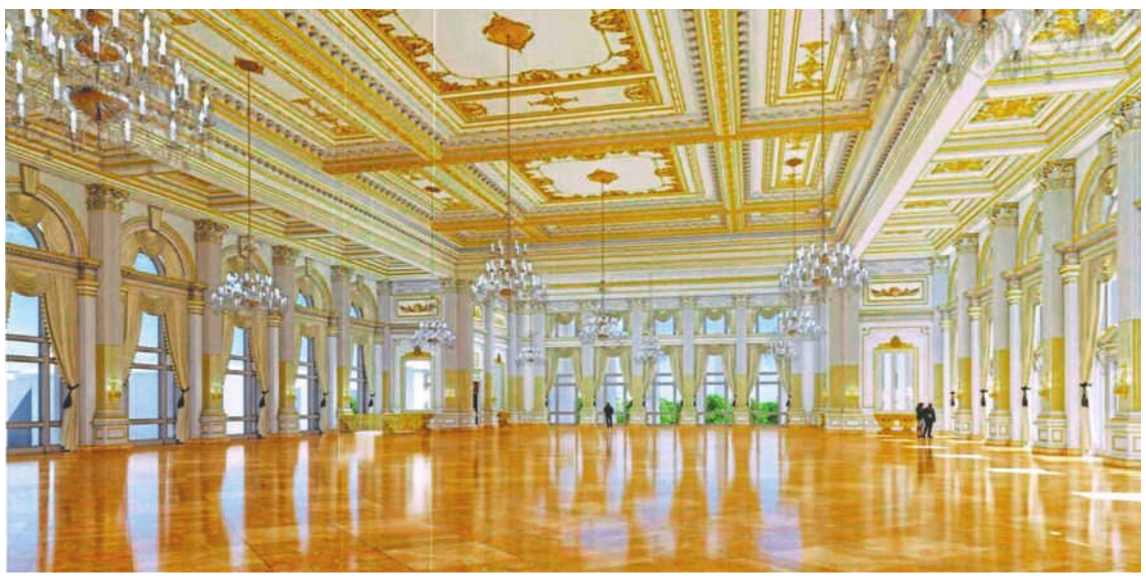
organization has argued that if ballroom construction is not halted while courts consider the case, the Trump administration has said the project will soon progress to "beyond the point" of no return. The administration has said in its filing that crews expect to "be substantially finished by November 2026," the trust said in its filing.

"The injuries to the National Trust, its members, and the public from the unauthorized construction of the ballroom — catalogued by Petitioners' own Environmental Assessment and already found to be irreparable by the lower courts — will in all likelihood become irreversible," the trust said in the filing.

Democrats on Tuesday also called for the Supreme Court to keep the ballroom construction on hold.

California Reps. Robert Garcia and Jared Huffman and Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (Rhode Island) joined about 30 other congressional Democrats in an amicus brief supporting the National Trust. Most of the lawmakers are the top Democrats on committees that oversee the Trump administration in various capacities.

"[Q]uestions about how best to protect current and future White House residents, staff, and visitors fall well within the ambit of Congress's powers over federal property and federal spending," the Democrats wrote. "And that means that the construction the President seeks should not proceed until Congress authorizes that construction and appropriates the funds for it."



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An architect rendering of the planned White House ballroom.

MARYLAND

As school year starts, parents are urged to monitor students' mental health

BY **KARL HILLE**
Baltimore Sun

As Maryland students head back to school, mental health experts are urging parents to watch for signs of stress, anxiety and depression that can surface as children adjust to new routines, heavier workloads and social pressures.

Managing new schedules as school reopens can be overwhelming, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, especially for young people already dealing with depression or anxiety.

"The excitement of a new school year often goes hand-in-hand with stress and anxiety for young people," Dr. Eric Wargotz, president of MedChi, said in a statement. "We encourage parents to check in regularly with their children about their feelings, look for signs of stress, and openly discuss these emotional challenges with their pediatrician or family physician during school checkups. Addressing mental health early is just as vital as updating immunizations."

Tori-Lyn Mills, a licensed clinical professional counselor with Thriveworks in Columbia, said that kind of curiosity can be especially important this time of year.

"Things are less amplified in the summer, because the social situation is different and there's not this extra pressure to get schoolwork done," Mills told The Baltimore Sun. "Mental illness can be easier to mask in the summer, not as visible to parents and less intense for the child."

Students may feel growing anxiety about the school year for many reasons, including social pressures, fitting in, academic workloads and demanding schedules. Those stressors can also bring preexisting conditions such as depression, low self-esteem and anxiety to the surface.

Children and teens may not want to talk about those issues, Mills said, so parents should watch for changes such as increased irritability, difficulty sleeping or waking up, or a loss of interest in activities they usually enjoy.

"Be more curious," Mills said. "See if there's anything different about their behavior."

Parents can also help ease back-to-school fears by making sure their children feel prepared.

"Check in with your child and see if they're able to be organized to do what they will have to do for school," she said.

That attention should continue after classes begin.

Mills said parents should notice whether their children return to activities they previously enjoyed or try new ones. They should also watch for physical symptoms, such as a stomachache each morning and ask whether their children are eating lunch, sitting alone or spending more time on their phones or social media.

All Maryland schools will be required to implement cellphone restrictions during the school day, and some districts are already moving ahead with policies.

Wicomico County is implementing a strict "bell-to-bell, no cell" policy that blocks phone use all day, including during lunch and between classes. Talbot County is starting a bell-to-bell ban this year ahead of the state deadline. Baltimore City requires phones and personal devices to be powered off and put away all day, following earlier pilot programs.

Howard and Baltimore counties are enforcing rules that keep devices silenced and out of sight during instructional time, with local confiscation rules for violations. Harford County has grade-based rules requiring elementary and middle school students to store their devices in their lockers or away.

Mills said cellphones and social media are not necessarily the enemy. Instead, she said, parents should pay attention to what their children are viewing and use it as an opening for conversation.

"Check the content that your child is looking at," she recommends. "It's good for parents to talk to their kids about the content and to set responsible boundaries. Social media can be misconstrued easily."

Issues that develop on social media during the summer often carry into the school year, Mills said. Watching how much time children spend on their phones, and how it affects their mood, can help guide those conversations.

"Let them know that you see those changes. That you love them and you're there for them," Mills said.

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Pirro criticizes release order in memorial vandalism case

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As part of Farris's release, Magistrate Judge Matthew J. Sharbaugh ordered her to stay away from the memorial and said she must report to federal pretrial officials in Ohio by Thursday. Farris's last public address is listed in Kentucky, according to public records, but she also has spent time in Michigan and Ohio, according to a relative.

Eugene Jeen-Young Kim Ohm, the public defender representing Farris, did not immediately respond to a request for comment. But at a Tuesday court hearing, he said Farris had spent the night in the emergency room after her release from custody because her inhaler, among other belongings, had not yet been returned.

Last Thursday, part of the World War II Memorial on the National Mall was tagged with graffiti and soapy bubbles overtook a fountain. Red graffiti spelled out "Clean hands dirty $" beneath the Atlantic Arch, and red and green paint was splattered on some of the granite stonework.

A day later, Farris was charged with two felonies: depredation against U.S. property and destruction of veterans' memorials. Both charges carry a prison sentence of up to 10 years.

On Facebook, Farris had livestreamed herself at the memorial, including dropping an item into the fountain near its Atlantic Arch. "Oops," she said in the recording. Then, she shook spray-paint cans and the live stream showed her adding graffiti to the granite.

After Farris's arrest, law enforcement found a CVS Pharmacy receipt for two bottles of Dawn Ultra dish soap on her, the Justice Department wrote in its filing. Farris also told law enforcement that she bought three cans of spray paint from an art store in Northwest Washington earlier in the week, the filing states.

In its appeal for pretrial detention, the Justice Department argued Farris "disrespected and dishonored the heroic men and women that served our country during World War II." President Donald Trump has also denounced the marring of the monument.

Friends of the National World War II Memorial, a nonprofit group that maintains the memorial, said it was "deeply disturbed by the reported vandalism."

On Monday, the Justice Department also said it would oppose a request by Farris to return her cellphone, with the agency saying it intends to use the contents of the phone at trial. It is also asking the judge to reconsider his rejection of electronic monitoring as a condition for Farris's release.

At a Tuesday court hearing, Farris's attorneys argued that her phone should be released to her as soon as possible. The prosecution said investigators had finished extracting all data from the phone but had not finished searching it.

Sharbaugh said he expected to rule on the issue Wednesday but that he was inclined to order the phone be returned. Depending on his phone ruling, the judge also said he was open to extending the deadline by which Farris has to report to Ohio.

A preliminary hearing is set for Sept. 3.

Ben Conarck contributed to this report.

VIRGINIA

An Appalachian Trail doesn't build itself: Meet the Konnarock Crew

BY **HEATHER ROUSSEAU**
Roanoke Times

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The Appalachian Trail Conservancy's flagship Konnarock Trail Crew was wrapping up its final "hitch" this month, completing a multiweek work block along the trail.

The sound of tools clinking and thudding against rocks and soil echoes through the woods, accompanied by laughter from trail crew workers, rustling leaves and chirping birds. Sometimes, the wind picks up, offering a reprieve from the hot, humid day and blowing beads of sweat onto the earth.

The Appalachian Trail Conservancy's flagship Konnarock Trail Crew was wrapping up its final "hitch" this month, completing a multiweek work block along the trail leading to scenic McAfee Knob in Roanoke County. The crew built about 200 feet of trail, including across a seasonal creek bed, up a rocky slope and along an embankment, a reroute with a goal to prevent hikers from getting lost and avoid confusion about campsites.

Because the project is along one of the busiest sections of the Appalachian Trail, the ATC sent its flagship trail crew to help. The Konnarock crew's work near the famous overlook nearly completes a local multifaceted Catawba Mountain project involving Roanoke Appalachian Trail Club volunteers and contractors.

The project received a $167,500 National Park Service grant, though additional costs were incurred during the process.

The goal is to help handle high visitor traffic while protecting the natural environment around the Catawba Mountain Shelter area, an overnight site on the Appalachian Trail and part of Virginia's Triple Crown section, which includes Dragon's Tooth, McAfee Knob and Tinker Cliffs.

Work began on the project a few years ago with the Roanoke Appalachian Trail Club, and help from the Appalachian Conservation Corps, ATC and the Park Service.

Construction of a camping loop near the shelter with 12 designated tent pads has been completed, along with upgraded paths to the water source and privy and a new bear box.

The Konnarock crew dedicated three weeks of its season, which runs from April through early August, to the Catawba Mountain project this year, working on the relocation of the Appalachian Trail, bringing it farther from the shelter, to better separate the main trail from the camping area and eliminate a confusing trail junction, where unofficial paths have been made by confused hikers.

The beloved section of trail had become increasingly impacted by heavy use over the years. According to the Roanoke Appalachian Trail Club, McAfee Knob receives about 60,000 visitors each year. It is widely considered the most-visited location on the nearly 2,200-mile Appalachian Trail, which stretches from Georgia to Maine.

"The facilities were not necessarily designed for the level of use that it's getting," said Kathryn Herndon-Powell, regional director, for the Virginias with Appalachian Trail Conservancy. "So we're trying to kind of upgrade the facilities to be durable enough and, you know, sustainable enough that we can have just as many visitors come and have a wonderful experience without impacts to the natural environment."

Herndon-Powell, who has been with the ATC for 15 years, has been discussing issues about the heavily used shelter with the local trail club and National Park Service.

"We've all been trying to figure out how to improve this facility and make it more sustainable for a long time, so it's exciting to finally be moving ahead with it." she said.

Steven Besore, lead of the Konnarock Volunteer Trail Crew, says his name, pronounced 'Besore' is spelled exactly how one feels after a long day of trail work. He wants hikers to know how much time and effort goes into building a trail.

"We've even heard of hikers saying, 'Oh, it's magical how these rocks just magically went here. The earth is so beautiful. How the earth just set these rocks here.' They don't realize each rock that got put in was a full day of work, you know, for like three people," Besore said.

He asks that hikers stay on the trail to prevent tread creep, which requires additional work to fix.

Besore said you get worn out doing trail work and it is a lot of problem solving. "Sure we have all these books to tell us how to build this trail across this mountain, but sometimes the mountain tells us what we're going to do, you know what I mean," he said. "You gotta, you know, adapt to your environment."

Besore said social media has brought in more young, first-time volunteers to this project — a contrast to the experienced retirees who typically make up his crews. He said it has been powerful to watch younger volunteers discover what they can do, recalling team members who doubted they could carry a 12-foot log a quarter-mile but gained confidence when teamwork made it possible. Seeing that confidence grow, he said, makes the slower pace or occasional rework worthwhile.

Evan Leiden, a high school student from Loudoun County, worked on a log staircase for the trail reroute, taking his time to avoid erosion while chiseling and breaking out small rocks from tightly compacted sandstone and rooty soil.

Leiden said he lives near the AT in Northern Virginia and hikes frequently. He said the trail work has been humbling.

"I never thought there would be this much work and effort to build the trail," he said. Adding that he would like to volunteer again.

The Konnarock Trail Crew, founded in 1983, brings people from across the country and around the world beginning in April and through the summer to work on projects identified as priorities by local trail clubs.

Konnarock is named for its original base camp in Southwest Virginia. The program, operated in partnership with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, works with 12 local trail clubs in the South, as well as the U.S. Forest Service and National Park Service.

"And again!" exclaimed Henka Reeder, followed by a loud smash as she crushed rocks below her mighty but short sledgehammer.

"It doesn't require a whole lot of intelligence but it requires persistence," she said.

Reeder volunteered all three weeks for the Konnarock Catawba work crew.

"It keeps you young," Reeder said.

Reeder is retired and lives in Columbia, Maryland, but has a family home in Lexington and attended Hollins University. She said she was excited to do trail work in an area where she's made memories.

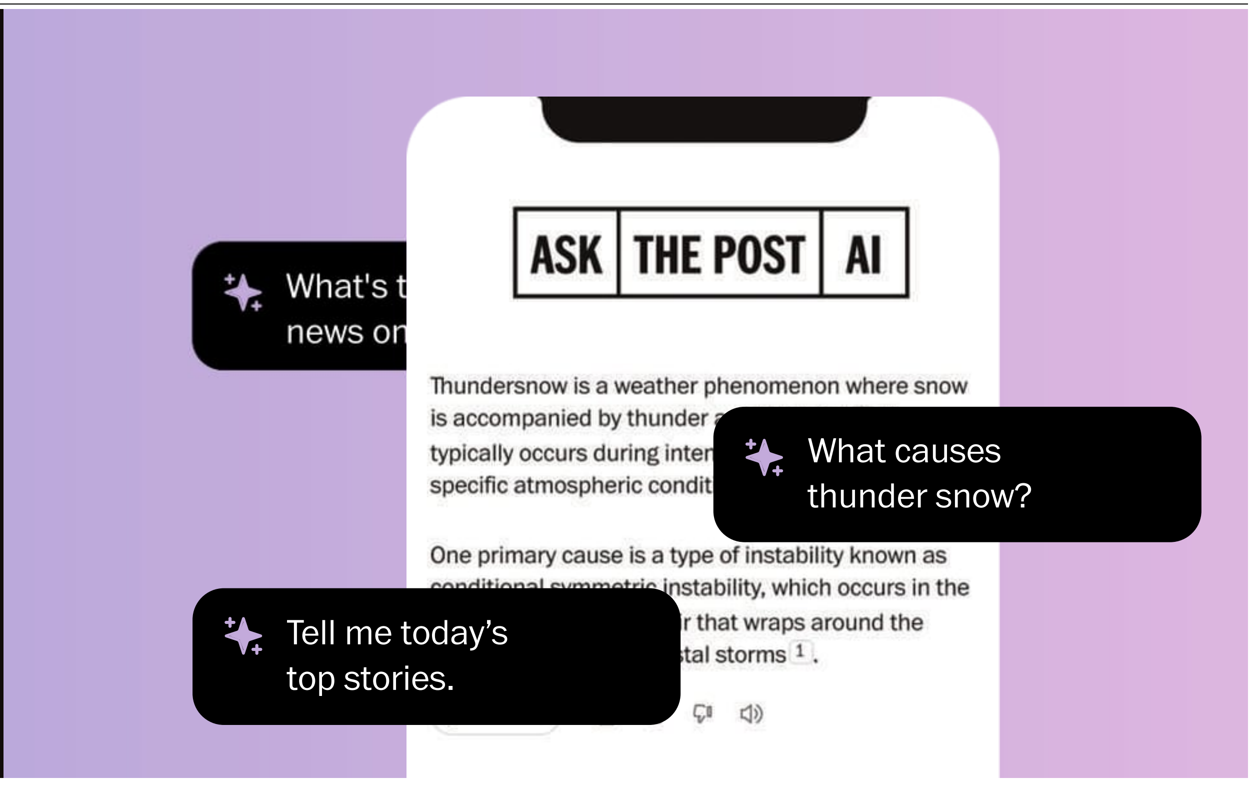
The "rock crush" she was making is used in trail building to fill gaps beneath and around stone steps, level surfaces and add tread to walking areas.

While Reeder was making small rocks out of big rocks, other team members were clearing brush and dense layers of "duff," the organic material that covers the soil. They did the backbreaking work of heaving and hoeing to expose the desired mineral soil beneath. Once the trail bed was prepared, the crew began "perfecting" the surface by removing lumps and bumps and creating a 5-degree angle to allow for optimal water runoff.

Herndon-Powell said the project involved plenty of heavy lifting, including about 125 black locust logs, each weighing 500 to 700 pounds. The logs were transported up a fire road and maneuvered one by one toward their desired locations using a pulley zipline system. They were cut and used for stairways, tent pads and other facility improvements.

While the Konnarock crew has wrapped up for the season, more trail work volunteers are needed. Herndon-Powell said the completion of the reroute is expected by sometime next year, pending volunteer and agency support.

"It's fun. It's hard. It's a challenge, and that may be what I really like about it most, is you know, you really got to put your full effort into it." said Besore, "But yeah, I love it."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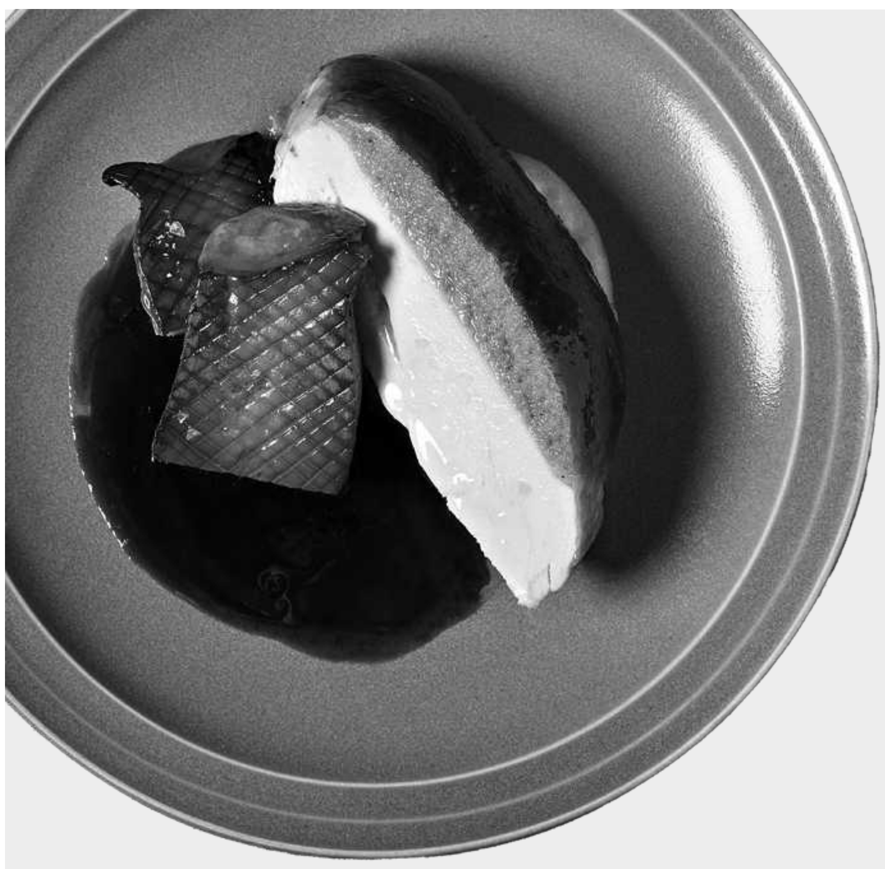

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ESPN co-founder Bill Rasmussen on the set of "SportsCenter" in Bristol, Connecticut, in 2005.

BILL RASMUSSEN, 93

ESPN co-founder was 'a visionary and an innovator'

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAND O' LAKES, FLA. — Bill Rasmussen, who co-founded ESPN in 1979 after being fired from a public relations job in the World Hockey Association, died Tuesday. He was 93.

ESPN historian Mike Soltys said Mr. Rasmussen died at his Florida home from the effects of Parkinson's disease. Mr. Rasmussen announced in 2019 that he had been diagnosed with the degenerative disease in 2014.

"Bill was a remarkable man — a visionary and an innovator who conceived the idea of a network entirely devoted to sports," ESPN chairman Jimmy Pitaro said in a statement. "Quite simply, none of us would be here today if it wasn't for Bill's passion and all the hard work and entrepreneurial spirit he put into building ESPN in the late 1970s — key aspects of our company culture that still carry on to this day."

Mr. Rasmussen and his son Scott came up with the idea of a network carrying sports around the clock, and it would revolutionize Americans' TV-watching habits. But the pair didn't stick around long. They were forced out after only a year by ESPN majority owner Getty Oil.

Mr. Rasmussen's original idea was a cable channel covering only Connecticut sports. Many cable operators in the state were skeptical, but someone suggested buying satellite time to reach a national audience.

ESPN was launched on Sept. 7, 1979. George Grande welcomed viewers to the first "SportsCenter" broadcast before the network's first live event, a slow-pitch softball game between the Kentucky Bourbons and the Milwaukee Schlitz.

MICHAEL DWYER/AP

Mr. Rasmussen tosses a ball before a baseball game in 2019.

"In those days, we didn't know if we'd last four weeks, four years, let alone 40-some, but we knew it was special," Grande said. "Bottom line was Bill Rasmussen was the true purveyor of the original American Dream, and he gave us all something very special that we still have today."

The Rasmussens secured financial backing from Getty Oil and a rights deal with the NCAA, and built a studio in Bristol, Connecticut, still under construction when ESPN went on the air.

The Getty investment and the deal with the NCAA occurred on the same day.

"When someone tells you you can't do something, you want to prove them wrong," Mr. Rasmussen said. "Many, many people told us there wasn't enough sports to do a 24-hour channel. I didn't argue with anybody. I just thought they were wrong and I was right."

When the Rasmussens were forced out of ESPN in 1980, Getty owned 85 percent of the network. Texaco, which had acquired Getty, sold its interest in ESPN to ABC in 1984.

Mr. Rasmussen and ESPN were estranged until 1999, when company executives invited him to the 20th anniversary celebration. Since then, he has been embraced and recognized for his vision of creating an all-sports network. He toured the country in 2019 for the 40th anniversary and gave speeches at Walt Disney Co. and ESPN events.

"Bill was our George Washington and a good friend," said veteran anchor Chris Berman, who joined ESPN three weeks after the network launched in 1979. "He was such a grateful person and every sports fan can be grateful for Bill. He wasn't a glass half-full guy; his glass was always overflowing with optimism. He greeted everyone with a smile and we can all smile knowing Bill's legacy."

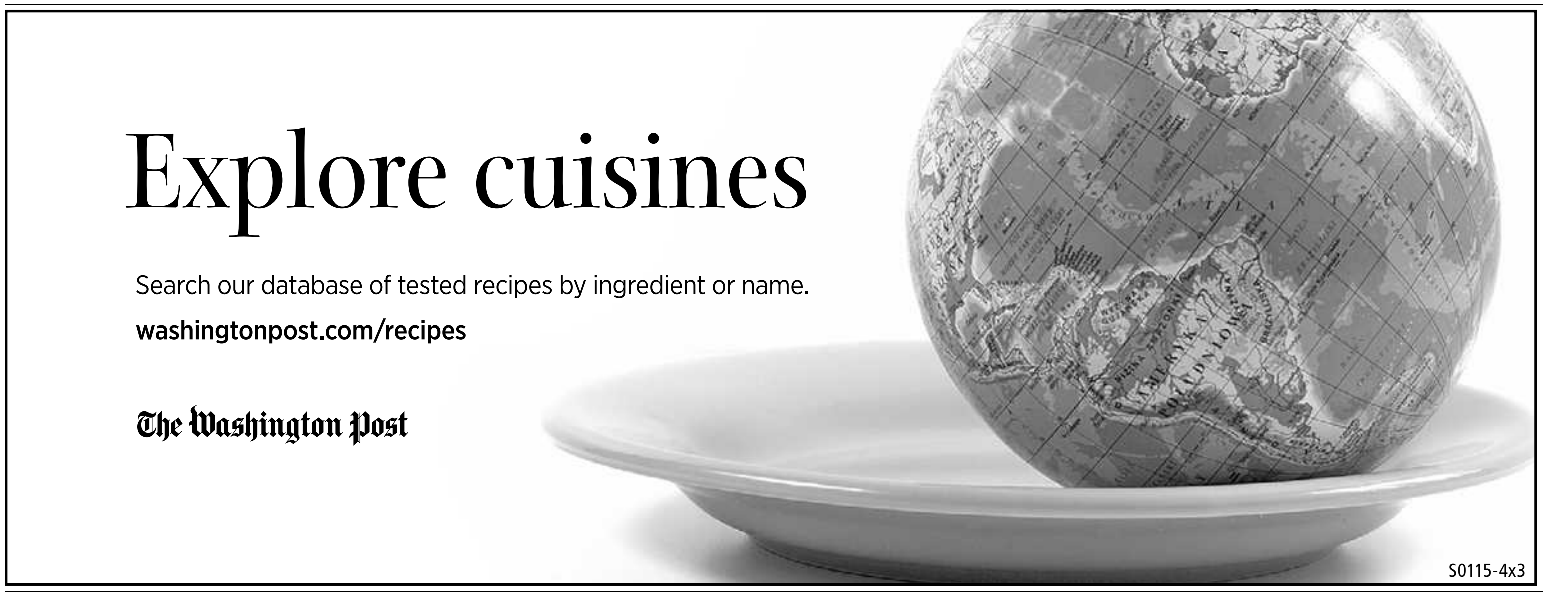
Born in Chicago, Mr. Rasmussen earned degrees from DePauw University in Indiana and Rutgers University and served in the Air Force. He started an advertising services business, then worked in radio and television as a broadcaster during the 1960s.

He was hired in 1974 as public relations director for the WHA's New England Whalers in Hartford, Connecticut. The team's entire front office was fired in 1978, and Mr. Rasmussen soon turned his attention to brainstorming with his son on the creation of sports on cable TV with the help of a $9,000 credit card advance.

"There was a whole lot of chutzpah and a whole lot of vision, and they're maxed out on their credit cards. It's the American Dream," said Bob Ley, one of the network's original anchors.

Mr. Rasmussen was inducted into the Sports Broadcasting Hall of Fame in 2025.

Mr. Rasmussen was predeceased by his wife of 56 years, Lois, in 2011 and is survived by two sons, Scott Rasmussen and his wife, Laura, and Glenn Rasmussen, daughter Lynn Van Hollebeke and her husband, Louie, seven grandchildren, one great-grandson and one great-granddaughter. In addition to his wife, Bill was predeceased by his brothers Robert and Donald Rasmussen, sister Vivien and a grandson.



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DEATH NOTICE

GREENE

STEPHEN HOWARD GREENE

Stephen Howard Greene, age 83, passed away peacefully on August 15, 2026 at home from a long battle with cancer. Stephen was born in Plattsburg, NY on January 5, 1943, and was the son of Margaret Mary O'Connor and James Franklin Greene. Stephen was a graduate and later named Distinguished Alumnus of DeMatha Catholic High School in Hyattsville, MD. He was also a graduate of the University of Maryland. Stephen enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1966 and served two years in Vietnam where he was awarded a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star with a Combat V. He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Mary Kathleen Greene. He also leaves behind his brothers, James Franklin (Alison) and Thomas Gerard (Sharon), and many nieces and nephews. For a full obituary and service information, please visit:

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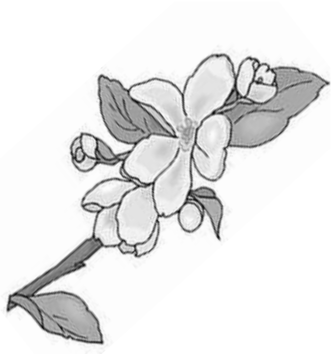
DEATH NOTICE

BOWMAN

GEORGE BOWMAN JR.

George Louis Bowman, Jr., of Frederick, MD, passed away on August 17, 2026 at Frederick Health Hospital. Beloved husband of the late Bette Ault Bowman, loving father of Cheryl B. Smith (Gary) and the late Stephanie R. Cowan; cherished grandfather of Christopher Smith (Meredith), Kimberly Smith (RB) and Harrry Shipe III (Katie), and great-grandfather of Kayla, Ethan, Gabrielle and Lucas. Service will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to Frederick Health Hospice, 1 Frederick Health Way, Frederick, MD 21701. Arrangements are with Stauffer Funeral Home, Frederick. Online condolences may be offered at StaufferFuneralHome.com.



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CAVE

GEORGE WILLIAM CAVE (Age 97)

Of Silver Spring, MD died on Friday, August 14, 2026, in Olney, MD.

Born in Camden, NJ on August 6, 1929, to Florence Martha (née Clarke) and Walter Frederick Cave. His father died when George was only 8 years old during the height of the Great Depression. Shortly thereafter, his mother made the difficult decision to send him to the Hershey Industrial School in Hershey, PA, a boarding school for boys.

After graduation, he enlisted in the US Army in June of 1947 and was recruited into the Army Security Agency. He completed basic training at Fort Jackson, SC and was transferred to Fort Monmouth, NJ. After taking a language aptitude test in 1947, he later studied Farsi at the Army Language School in Monterey, CA in 1949. He was honorably discharged in May of 1952.

Before beginning his studies at Princeton, he served as a cowhand on a small ranch in Wyoming for a short time. He left the ranch to attend Princeton University in the fall of 1952, where he began his study of Arabic. After his freshman year, he worked as a tool dresser on an oil rig in Oklahoma, tough work that convinced him to continue (and complete) his studies at Princeton. In the summer of 1955, he worked as an intern in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia for the Arabian American Oil Company.

Returning to Princeton in the fall of 1955, with an engagement ring in hand, he proposed to the one and only love of his life, Joan Barbara McCarthy, whom he married on December 26, 1955. He was so grateful to find a woman who loved him so deeply and shared his excitement for exploring the world.

He was recruited to work in the US Government Foreign Service before graduation and started in October of 1956. He had a long, distinguished career in the Foreign Service, serving primarily in the Middle East and Far East. He continued working until 2019. His storied career in the Foreign Service led to him being honored as the 2001 Milton Hershey School Alumnus of the Year.

His study of foreign language instilled a love of Sufi and Persian poetry, especially the works of Rumi, Hafiz and Omar Khayyam. In addition to writing a book translating their works, he also enjoyed writing during his retirement.

George became a confirmed Catholic with his son George Jr. and was later a devoted member of St. Patrick's parish where he served as an usher and attended mass regularly with Joan. Together they were generous to the parish with their time and talents.

George was an avid golfer and made many trips with his best friend (and brother-in-law) William (Bill) McCarthy to Myrtle Beach, SC. He was also a member of the Argyle Country Club and competed in many tournaments there over the years.

George was the beloved husband of the late Joan Barbara (née McCarthy) Cave. He is survived by their children Sharon, Constance (Connie) Grube (wife of Michael), William (Willie) (husband of Christine DeSantis), Eileen Gerohristodoulos (wife of Hrisostomos), and George Jr. (husband of Kelly). He was predeceased by his son James, who passed on March 8, 2020, and James's former wife, Doris Bergmann.

George's legacy lives on in his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, whom he was incredibly proud of: Stefan Grube husband of Julie (née Esch), son of Constance and father of George, Goldie, Rex, Sonny and Beau, Louis Grube husband of Morgan (née Walker) and son of Constance, Mary Veronica Vargo (née Grube) wife of Patrick Vargo, daughter of Constance and mother of Josephine and Nicholas, Marie Wasserman (née Grube) wife of Luke Wasserman, daughter of Constance and mother of Blake, Lena and Valerie, Juliane Bergmann daughter of James and mother of Victoria, Josephine, Katherine and Elizabeth, Jedidiah son of James, William Andrew II (Drew) son of William, Anastasia Advolodkin (née Gerohristodoulos) wife of Dmitriy Advolodkin and daughter of Eileen, Sophia daughter of Eileen, George son of Eileen, Andronikki (Nikki) daughter of Eileen, Christina Gilday (née Gerohristodoulos) wife of Matthew (Luke) Gilday and daughter of Eileen, Zoe daughter of Eileen, Anna daughter of George Jr., George William III (Will) son of George Jr. and Kate daughter of George Jr.

Relatives and friends may call at St. Patrick's Church, 4101 Norbeck Road, Rockville, MD, Friday, August 21, 2026, with visitation from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM (Eulogy will begin at 11:15 AM) and Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:30 AM. Interment will be at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (stjude.org) or Boys & Girls Clubs of America (bgca.org)

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GREINER

JOHN MERCER GREINER (Age 86)

John Mercer Greiner passed away on August 10th, 2026, at Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia, at age 86. He was born to Earl and May Greiner on March 23rd, 1940, and was raised in Short Hills, New Jersey alongside his younger brother, Bill.

John was the definition of a true Renaissance man. He imprinted upon his family the value of education as more than a means to success, the pleasure and depth of music and the arts, and the importance of humanity and advocating for the less fortunate. As a child he built a shortwave radio from vacuum tubes and spoke to people from around the world. As an adult he believed a scientific approach to government can improve society. Most importantly, John dedicated his life to supporting his family with hard work and love.

John graduated as valedictorian from Millburn High School class of 1958. A 'Yalie' to the core, as was his brother Bill, John frequently spoke about his treasured undergrad memories, including traveling Europe with the Yale band, while earning a BA and Master's in Physics from Yale University. John continued his education at the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn as part of General Electric's Advanced Course in Engineering before pivoting to Operations Research at the University of Pennsylvania, where he obtained a Master's degree and all but dissertation. It was during his time in Philadelphia that he met his wife Mary through a close friend.

He placed a deep value in his professional contributions, including his time at Burroughs Laboratory and as a 'rocket scientist' during the sixties at General Electric's Missile and Space Division before moving his family from Philadelphia to Fairfax County, Virginia and joining the Urban Institute in Washington, DC to focus on Operations Research. John relished his time developing approaches to measure and improve government efficiency and effectiveness at Prince George's County, MD and the Office of Management and Budget, Montgomery County, MD. While John was passionate about his work, it was the people and colleagues that he always spoke most fondly of.

John's greatest commitment was raising his two sons alongside his late wife Mary, and many of John's favorite things in life are carried on by those who survive him: his avid passion for theatre and the arts, through his son John and his wife Michelle, of Thousand Oaks, CA, and granddaughters Julie and Holly; his lifelong love of Stone Harbor, NJ, and making family memories at the Jersey Shore, through his son Michael and his wife Kim, of Philadelphia, PA; and his love of baseball (which began with listening to the Yankees on a transistor radio) and of fishing through his grandsons Brad and Jesse. John also had a passion for art and architecture, with frequent visits to the Torpedo Factory Art Center in Alexandria, as well as for poetry and jazz with a nice glass of Malbec in hand. He loved science experiments with his sons and grandsons, and skiing with his wife at Sugarbush, Vermont.

John Greiner will be buried beside his late wife Mary at Mt. Comfort Cemetery in Alexandria, Virginia on August 22nd following a graveside ceremony for family. Donations can be made in lieu of flowers to Oxfam or the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

MCGUIGAN

MARINA VLADIMIROVNA MCGUIGAN (Age 63)

Marina Vladimirovna McGuigan, of Baltimore, Maryland, passed away peacefully on August 7, 2026, at the age of 63. She was born on May 24, 1963, in Vyksa, Nizhny Novgorod Oblast, Russia, a daughter to the late Maria Ivanovna Macsakova and Vladimir Vasilyevich Samoylov. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Foreign Language Education from Nizhny Novgorod Linguistic University, as well as a Masters in secondary school education. She was a high school teacher and translator for USAID in her hometown before coming to the US in 1996 to work as an interpreter for Russian chicken farmers learning how Americans raised poultry on the Eastern Shore. Most recently, she worked as a teacher of English Language for Adults with Alexandria City Public Schools for 19 years, supporting adult learners and immigrants. She is survived by her husband, Martin, her two children, Peter and Pasha, and her dog, Spunk, as well as her family in Russia; her sisters: Tatiana and Anna. Her brothers: Sergei and Vladimir. Her cousin Irina, her Aunt Tanya, as well as her nieces. A memorial service will be held for her on Friday, August 21, at St. Nicholas Cathedral. Her full obituary can be read here: https://obits.ruckfuneralhomes.com/obituary/marina-mcguigan. Memory eternal

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Mostly sunny, highs in the 90s

We'll have mostly sunny skies today and high temperatures in the 90s. Some winds can be expected. In the evening, cloud cover will increase and low temperatures will be in the 70s. There's also a small possibility of showers and thunderstorms in the early morning hours.

AccuWeather FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
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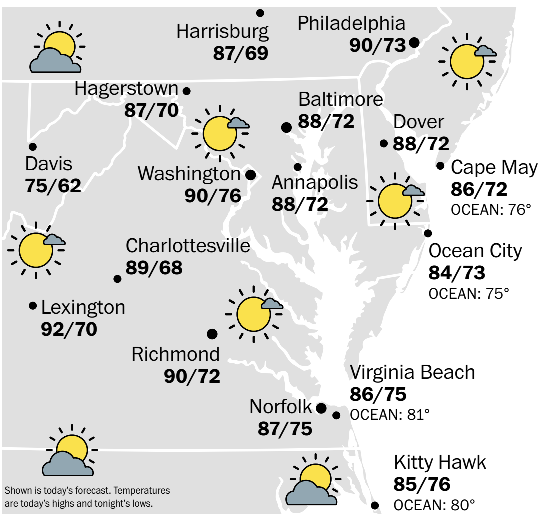
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Norfolk 87/75
Kitty Hawk 85/76 OCEAN: 80°

Shown is today's forecast. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Pollen: Moderate
Observed ratings on 8/18

Grass	Moderate
Trees	Low
Weeds	Moderate
Mold	Moderate

Today's Air Quality & UV forecast

Air Quality: Moderate
Main pollutant: Ozone

UV: Very High
8 out of 11+

Blue Ridge: *Shenandoah National Park:* Today, areas of morning fog will reduce visibility, mostly sunny. High 86. Winds west 4–8 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy, humid. Low 67. • *Great Smoky Mtns. National Park:* Today, mostly sunny, less humid. High 75. Winds north 6–12 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 64. Winds south-southwest 4–8 mph.

Atlantic beaches: *Ocean City, MD:* Today, mostly sunny, humid. High 84. Winds southwest 4–8 mph. Tonight, clear to partly cloudy, humid. Low 73. Winds south-southwest 4–8 mph. • *Virginia Beach:* Today, humid, clouds giving way to sun. High 86. Winds northeast 7–14 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy, humid. Low 75.

Waterways: *Upper Potomac River*: Today, mostly sunny. Wind west-northwest 4–8 knots. Waves less than a foot. Visibility clear. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay*: Today, mostly sunny. Wind west 4–8 knots. Waves 0–1 foot on the Lower Potomac; 1–2 feet on the Chesapeake Bay.• *River Stages*: The stage at Little Falls will be around 2.90 feet today, rising to 3.40 Thursday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides (Shown are High tides in **Bold** and low tides.)

Washington	**1:31 a.m.**	8:42 a.m.	**2:00 p.m.**	8:29 p.m.
Annapolis	5:14 a.m.	**10:17 a.m.**	4:45 p.m.	**11:54 p.m.**
Ocean City	**12:39 a.m.**	6:53 a.m.	**1:16 p.m.**	7:51 p.m.
Norfolk	**2:45 a.m.**	8:51 a.m.	**3:20 p.m.**	10:01 p.m.
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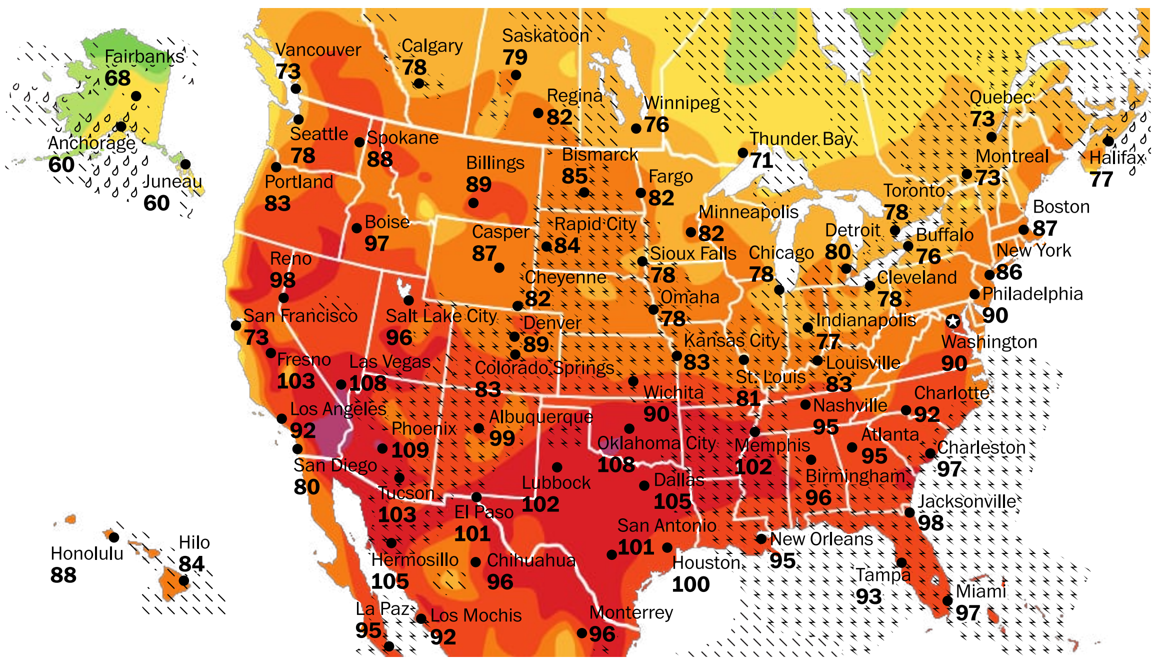
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Low: Angel Fire, NM **35°**
For the 48 contiguous states

Yesterday's World
High: Omidieh, Iran **120°**
Low: Malargue, Argentina **22°**
Excludes Antarctica

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Anchorage	60/51/r	60/53/sh
Atlanta	95/73/pc	95/76/t
Austin	103/78/s	104/79/s
Baltimore	88/72/s	84/66/t
Billings, MT	89/60/pc	94/61/s
Birmingham	96/75/pc	96/73/t
Bismarck, ND	85/59/s	87/55/sh
Boise	97/67/s	100/72/pc
Boston	87/71/pc	79/65/pc
Buffalo	76/57/t	78/53/s
Burlington, VT	80/61/t	79/55/pc
Charleston, SC	97/77/t	96/78/t
Charleston, WV	85/68/c	78/63/t
Charlotte	92/71/s	94/74/t
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Chicago	78/63/pc	80/65/s
Cincinnati	78/68/t	78/65/t
Cleveland	78/63/t	77/57/c
Dallas	105/82/s	106/83/pc
Denver	89/62/t	94/65/s
Des Moines	77/61/pc	81/66/pc
Detroit	80/61/pc	79/59/s
El Paso	101/75/s	104/75/s
Fairbanks, AK	68/50/c	66/51/c
Fargo, ND	82/60/pc	88/59/t
Hartford, CT	86/64/pc	81/59/pc
Honolulu	88/75/pc	88/75/pc
Houston	100/78/s	99/80/s
Indianapolis	77/66/t	80/63/pc
Jackson, MS	101/77/t	100/75/t
Jacksonville, FL	98/75/t	97/74/t
Kansas City, MO	83/68/t	86/66/c
Las Vegas	108/87/pc	109/87/pc
Little Rock	106/80/t	99/74/t
Los Angeles	92/70/pc	91/69/pc
Louisville	83/71/t	84/66/t
Memphis	102/79/t	92/75/t
Miami	97/80/t	95/81/t
Milwaukee	76/62/pc	81/65/s
Minneapolis	82/64/pc	84/65/t
Nashville	95/75/pc	88/72/t
New Orleans	95/79/t	95/79/t
New York City	86/72/s	79/67/sh
Norfolk	87/75/pc	93/75/t
Oklahoma City	108/74/s	99/71/t
Omaha	78/62/t	85/67/t
Orlando	91/78/t	93/78/t
Philadelphia	90/73/s	82/67/sh
Phoenix	109/89/t	111/90/t
Pittsburgh	78/65/t	75/56/t
Portland, ME	80/63/pc	79/59/pc
Portland, OR	83/60/pc	87/63/s
Providence, RI	85/68/s	81/62/pc
Raleigh, NC	93/73/s	97/73/t
Reno, NV	98/63/s	97/64/pc
Richmond	90/72/pc	91/70/t
Sacramento	98/60/pc	96/61/s
St. Louis	81/70/t	83/68/pc
St. Thomas, VI	91/82/t	92/80/s
Salt Lake City	96/74/s	101/77/s
San Diego	80/70/s	78/70/s
San Francisco	73/58/pc	68/58/pc
San Juan, PR	92/80/t	92/80/s
Seattle	78/58/pc	82/59/s
Spokane, WA	88/58/s	94/65/s
Syracuse	79/59/t	77/53/pc
Tampa	93/81/t	91/80/t
Wichita	90/71/t	95/71/s

WORLD	Today	Tomorrow
Addis Ababa	74/56/r	73/56/r
Amsterdam	69/59/sh	72/58/sh
Athens	90/72/s	94/75/s
Auckland	56/39/s	58/47/s
Baghdad	109/88/s	112/91/s
Bangkok	92/80/r	90/80/r
Beijing	88/75/t	88/72/t
Berlin	68/59/sh	77/56/t
Bogota	69/48/r	69/49/sh
Brussels	71/59/sh	71/57/pc
Buenos Aires	56/49/s	62/45/pc
Cairo	94/74/pc	94/74/pc
Caracas	77/69/c	77/67/r
Copenhagen	65/55/r	67/56/sh
Dakar	91/82/t	90/83/t
Dublin	66/51/sh	62/46/pc
Edinburgh	64/50/sh	61/46/sh
Frankfurt	79/62/sh	78/55/pc
Geneva	91/66/s	80/62/sh
Ham., Bermuda	87/78/pc	87/80/s
Helsinki	68/45/s	65/48/pc
Ho Chi Minh City	90/79/r	90/79/r
Hong Kong	93/82/t	87/81/r
Islamabad	88/77/r	87/75/t
Istanbul	86/72/s	89/71/s
Jerusalem	86/68/s	89/72/s
Johannesburg	79/49/pc	81/51/pc
Kabul	93/68/pc	94/67/pc
Kingston, Jam.	92/80/pc	92/81/t
Kolkata	91/79/r	91/80/r
Kyiv	75/59/r	86/68/s
Lagos	84/76/r	86/77/t
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Lisbon	81/66/pc	80/63/pc
London	75/57/pc	72/55/pc
Madrid	96/69/s	87/66/s
Manila	87/78/t	92/79/r
Mexico City	79/58/sh	77/59/sh
Montreal	73/60/t	76/56/s
Moscow	67/52/r	71/57/r
Mumbai	88/81/r	87/81/r
Nairobi	71/56/r	76/55/c
New Delhi	92/80/t	92/80/r
Oslo	67/48/r	70/52/sh
Ottawa	74/54/t	75/53/s
Paris	83/60/t	77/60/pc
Prague	77/59/sh	80/61/t
Rio de Janeiro	82/70/s	79/71/pc
Riyadh	112/89/s	109/84/pc
Rome	90/74/pc	91/77/sh
San Salvador	90/69/r	92/69/pc
Santiago	67/42/pc	69/42/c
Sarajevo	91/61/pc	97/62/s
Seoul	88/75/sh	83/75/pc
Shanghai	92/81/sh	91/81/sh
Singapore	89/80/t	92/80/pc
Stockholm	66/46/pc	63/49/sh
Sydney	69/54/s	72/58/sh
Taipei City	90/80/t	90/79/r
Tehran	105/83/pc	105/79/pc
Tokyo	89/77/s	89/78/pc
Toronto	78/57/t	78/57/s
Vienna	84/64/c	90/65/pc
Warsaw	72/61/c	75/63/sh

Key: s-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **r**-rain, **sh**- showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice

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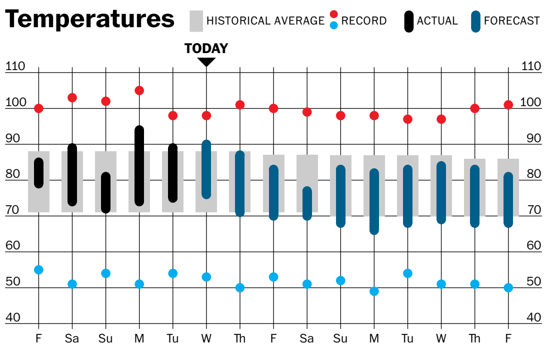

Statistics through 5 p.m. Tuesday

	National	Dulles	BWI
High	**89°** 3:31 p.m.	**87°** 3:58 p.m.	**87°** 2:32 p.m.
Low	**75°** 5:25 a.m.	**71°** 4:39 a.m.	**70°** 5:35 a.m.
Historical Average	88°/71°	86°/65°	87°/66°
Record high	98° 2002	98° 2009	96° 2019
Record low	54° 1902	45° 1981	51° 1981

Difference from 30–yr. avg. (National): this month: **+1.5°** yr. to date: **+0.4°**

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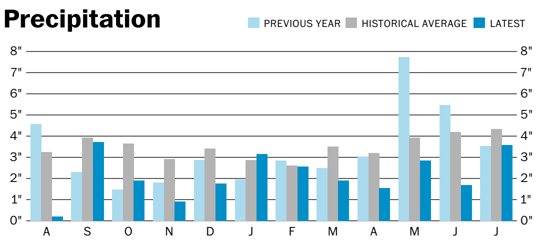

	National	Dulles	BWI
Past 24 hours	0.00"	0.01"	0.04"
Total this month	3.48"	3.53"	4.18"
Historical Average (month)	1.88"	2.06"	2.42"
Total this year	20.77"	28.08"	24.95"
Historical Average (year)	26.54"	27.75"	28.11"

Moon Phases

Aug 19	Aug 28	Sep 4	Sep 10
First Quarter	Full	Last Quarter	New

Solar system

	Rise	Set
Sun	6:25 a.m.	7:58 p.m.
Moon	1:53 p.m.	11:21 p.m.
Venus	10:18 a.m.	9:40 p.m.
Mars	2:14 a.m.	5:06 p.m.
Jupiter	5:07 a.m.	7:14 p.m.
Saturn	10:00 p.m.	10:27 a.m.

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Getting ready for the race

The National Guard stands by as construction continues near the National Mall on Tuesday. D.C. is preparing for the Freedom 250 Grand Prix this weekend.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
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8226 DELLWOOD COURT
LANHAM, MD 20706

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Antonine Hollman a/k/a Antoine Hollman, dated January 26, 2007 and recorded in Liber 27235, folio 383 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AT 11:18 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Prince George's County, Maryland and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

The property, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, encumbrances and agreements of record affecting the subject property, if any, and with no warranty of any kind. The property is subject to a front foot benefit. The property will be sold subject to a prior mortgage, the amount to be announced at the time of sale.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, at their sole discretion, for $8,000 at the time of sale. If the noteholder and/or servicer is the successful bidder, the deposit requirement is waived. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid within ten (10) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 11.9% per annum from date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees, if the property is purchased by an entity other than the noteholder and/or servicer. If payment of the balance does not occur within ten (10) days of ratification, the deposit will be forfeited as liquidated damages. The purchaser agrees that the property may be resold pursuant to an order of court, waives personal service upon themselves and/or any principal or corporate designee of any documents filed regarding the failure to pay the purchase price within ten (10) days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail of said documents at the address provided by the purchaser in the Memorandum of Sale. This transaction may be subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE Rule") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, effective March 1, 2026. Purchaser will be responsible for obtaining the information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule and for providing the necessary information to the Reporting Person, as defined in the RRE Rule within (10) ten days following Ratification of the Sale or Purchaser's deposit will be forfeited and property resold. The purchaser will not be entitled to any surplus or profits arising from the resale even if they are the result of improvements made by the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event settlement is delayed for any reason. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, and front foot benefit charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale, and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes (including agricultural transfer taxes, if applicable), and all settlement charges shall be borne by the purchaser. The sale is subject to a post sale audit of the loan, including but not limited to an analysis of whether the borrower entered into a loan modification agreement, filed bankruptcy, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. The Substitute Trustees will convey either insurable or marketable title. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable or marketable title or, the post sale audit concludes that the sale should not have occurred, or the sale is not ratified by the court for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit without interest even if the purchaser has made improvements to the property. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale. (Matter #24-601052).

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
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3823 HAMILTON STREET, UNIT #202
HYATTSVILLE, MD 20781

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Ndibulum Hazel Richardson a/k/a Hazel Richardson, dated October 25, 2019 and recorded in Liber 42762, folio 91 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AT 11:22 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Prince George's County, Maryland and described as Unit numbered Two Hundred Two (202) in Building Lettered "B", in the subdivision known as "Section Two, Park Place" and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

The property, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, encumbrances and agreements of record affecting the subject property, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, at their sole discretion, for $16,000 at the time of sale. If the noteholder and/or servicer is the successful bidder, the deposit requirement is waived. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid within ten (10) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 5% per annum from date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees, if the property is purchased by an entity other than the noteholder and/or servicer. If payment of the balance does not occur within ten (10) days of ratification, the deposit will be forfeited as liquidated damages. The purchaser agrees that the property may be resold pursuant to an order of court, waives personal service upon themselves and/or any principal or corporate designee of any documents filed regarding the failure to pay the purchase price within ten (10) days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail of said documents at the address provided by the purchaser in the Memorandum of Sale. This transaction may be subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE Rule") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, effective March 1, 2026. Purchaser will be responsible for obtaining the information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule and for providing the necessary information to the Reporting Person, as defined in the RRE Rule within (10) ten days following Ratification of the Sale or Purchaser's deposit will be forfeited and property resold. The purchaser will not be entitled to any surplus or profits arising from the resale even if they are the result of improvements made by the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event settlement is delayed for any reason. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, and front foot benefit charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale, and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes (including agricultural transfer taxes, if applicable), and all settlement charges shall be borne by the purchaser. The sale is subject to a post sale audit of the loan, including but not limited to an analysis of whether the borrower entered into a loan modification agreement, filed bankruptcy, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. The Substitute Trustees will convey either insurable or marketable title. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable or marketable title or, the post sale audit concludes that the sale should not have occurred, or the sale is not ratified by the court for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit without interest even if the purchaser has made improvements to the property. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale. (Matter #25-600160).

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

417 HARLEM AVENUE
PASADENA, MD 21122

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Robert B. Gaither, Sr. and Yvonne M. Gaither dated May 3, 2007 and recorded in Liber 19080, folio 141 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AT 9:45 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #03-523-10838200.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $20,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. There will be no reduction of interest due to overpayment of deposit. Adjustment of all real property taxes (excluding recapture of previously reduced or exempt taxes) and any other public charges or assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, and ground rent to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, condo/HOA assessments and Columbia Assoc. assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes, recaptured taxes (including but not limited to agricultural taxes), and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale. THIS TRANSACTION MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE FINCEN RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE REPORTING RULE ("RRE RULE"). INFORMATION NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH THE RRE RULE MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES PRIOR TO CLOSING. FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR FINCEN REPORTING WILL BE CONSIDERED A DEFAULT. ADDITIONALLY, FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED INFORMATION UNDER SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES COULD RESULT IN THE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE NOT EXECUTING THE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES DEED. INTEREST WILL CONTINUE TO ACCRUE AND REMAIN THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER'S RESPONSIBILITY UNTIL THE INFORMATION IS PROVIDED.

If the Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, subject to order of the court, the entire deposit (including any amount received over the advertised deposit amount) shall be forfeited to the Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Defaulting purchaser waives personal service of any document filed in connection with such a motion on him/herself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such document by regular mail directed to the address provided by said purchaser at the time of the foreclosure auction. Trustees' file number 22-002032-MD-F-1.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
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Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to BRIAN J. EVANS, Trustee(s), dated June 17, 2019, and recorded among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 42291, folio 233, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

SEPTEMBER 3, 2026 at 2:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

LOTS TWENTY-TWO (22) AND TWENTY-THREE (23) IN BLOCK D IN THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS"FAIRMONTHEIGHTS", AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "A" AT PLAT NO. 85 AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $20,000.00 PAYABLE ONLY BY certified funds, shall be required at the time of sale. CASH WILL NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF DEPOSIT. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 4.25% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale. There will be no abatement of interest for any reason. Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. There will be no abatement of taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments for any reason. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited, and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute trustees, plus all cost incurred, if the Substitute Trustee's have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. The purchasers waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with such a motion and expressly agrees to The purchaser agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is return of the deposit.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule (RRE) issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained and provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing.

The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into a repayment agreement, reinstated, or paid off the loan prior to sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Trustee's File No. (80006)

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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Melvin Miles and Phyllis Miles dated May 13, 2006 and recorded in Liber 25879, folio 731 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

AUGUST 25, 2026 AT 11:37 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #14-1688787.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $20,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. There will be no reduction of interest due to overpayment of deposit. Adjustment of all real property taxes (excluding recapture of previously reduced or exempt taxes) and any other public charges or assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, and ground rent to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, condo/HOA assessments and Columbia Assoc. assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes, recaptured taxes (including but not limited to agricultural taxes), and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale. THIS TRANSACTION MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE FINCEN RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE REPORTING RULE ("RRE RULE"). INFORMATION NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH THE RRE RULE MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES PRIOR TO CLOSING. FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR FINCEN REPORTING WILL BE CONSIDERED A DEFAULT. ADDITIONALLY, FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED INFORMATION UNDER SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES COULD RESULT IN THE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE NOT EXECUTING THE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES DEED. INTEREST WILL CONTINUE TO ACCRUE AND REMAIN THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER'S RESPONSIBILITY UNTIL THE INFORMATION IS PROVIDED.

If the Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, subject to order of the court, the entire deposit (including any amount received over the advertised deposit amount) shall be forfeited to the Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Defaulting purchaser waives personal service of any document filed in connection with such a motion on him/herself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such document by regular mail directed to the address provided by said purchaser at the time of the foreclosure auction. Trustees' file number 24-002939-MD-F-1.

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815 **Legal Notices**

Public Notice (Notice)
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Public Comments Invited

Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) regulations require a bank that has developed a CRA Strategic Plan (the "Plan") to publish Notice of the Plan and solicit formal written public comment for at least a 30-day period. In conformance with this requirement, Forbright Bank hereby provides notice of its intention to submit a CRA Strategic Plan to the Regional Director of the New York office of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the "FDIC"). Written comments from the public concerning the Plan are encouraged. Individuals may request a copy of Forbright Bank's CRA Strategic Plan at no charge, by contacting Heather Smith, CRA Officer, by email at hsmith@forbrightbank.com, or by mail at 4445 Willard Ave, Suite 1000, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815. All written comments regarding the Plan should be directed to Ms. Smith at the address listed. Comments will be accepted until September 18, 2026, following which time the Plan will be submitted for approval to the FDIC. Forbright Bank will review all comments and incorporate suggestions to the Plan at its discretion.

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850 **Montgomery County**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

James E. Clarke, et al.
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiff(s)

v.

Lisa Drazin
Defendant(s)

Civil No. C-15-CV-25-002949

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MD RULE 14-215 (A)

ORDERED, by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, this **29th day of July 2026**, that the foreclosure sale of the property described in the deed of trust docketed herein and located at **6403 Kirby Road, Bethesda, MD 20817** made and reported by James E. Clarke, Mary L. Hurley, Paul J. Moran, Jason N. Greenberg, Joanna Foronda and John Ansell III, Substitute Trustees, be RATIFIED and CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **28th day of August 2026**; provided a copy of this Order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, once in each of three (3) successive weeks before the **28th day of August, 2026**. The Report of Sale states the amount of the sale at **$1,070,000.00**.

BY THE COURT:
Karen A. Bushell
Clerk of the Circut Court

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

ANDREW J. BRENNER, et. al
6001 Executive Blvd. Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitute Trusties /Plaintiffs,

VS.

CHELSEY WILLIAMS
63 Inkberry Circle
Gaithersburg, MD 20877
Defendant(s).

Case No. C-15-CV-25-002990

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **9th day of August, 2026**, by the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in this proceedings and described as **63 Inkberry Circle, Gaithersburg, MD 20877**, made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **9th day of September, 2026**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **9th day of September, 2026**.
The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$495,895.00**.

KAREN A. BUSHELL
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850 **Montgomery County**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

ANDREW J. BRENNER, et. al
6001 Executive Blvd. Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitute Trusties /Plaintiffs,

VS.

KITANNA L. MAYO
3611 Lowell Place
Silver Spring, MD 20902
Defendant(s).

Case No. C-15-CV-26-001436

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **10th day of August, 2026**, by the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in this proceedings and described as **3611 Lowell Place, Silver Spring, MD 20902**, made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **9th day of September, 2026**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **9th day of September, 2026**.
The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$391,000.00**.

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850 **Montgomery County**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

NICOLE LIPINSKI
Substitute Trustee
Plaintiff

V.

GABRIELLE ANDRICE SIMPSON
Defendant

Civil No.: C-15-CV-26-000308

NOTICE OF SALE

13809 Palmer House Way
33-244, Silver Spring,
MD 20904

Notice is hereby issued by the Circuit Court of MONTGOMERY COUNTY this **10th day of August, 2026,** that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by NICOLE LIPINSKI, Substitute Trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **9th day of September, 2026**, provided, a copy of this notice be inserted in WASHINGTON POST a newspaper published in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, once in each of three successive weeks, before the **9th day of September, 2026**. The Report of Sale states the amount of sale to be **$272,500.00**.

KAREN A. BUSHELL
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MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

5832 CARLYLE STREET
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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated October 20, 2005, recorded in Liber 24709, Folio 135 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $316,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AT 12:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $36,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 37683-1)

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15106 JERIMIAH LANE
BOWIE, MD 20721

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated December 31, 2003, recorded in Liber 18932, Folio 632 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $241,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AT 11:54 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $12,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 381626-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated July 29, 2021, recorded in Liber 46094, Folio 588 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $489,864.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AT 11:52 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $48,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 359035-2)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

7014 NIMITZ DRIVE
DISTRICT HEIGHTS, MD 20747

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated September 16, 2013, recorded in Liber 35342, Folio 177 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $122,750.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AT 11:50 AM

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The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $10,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 339303-5)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

4815 WILLES VISION DRIVE
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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated September 9, 2022, recorded in Liber 48129, Folio 136 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $825,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AT 11:46 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $74,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 378813-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

7210 AUTUMN BLAZE COURT
CLINTON, MD 20735

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated October 12, 2023, recorded in Liber 49362, Folio 485 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $1,736,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AT 11:27 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #09-3658648.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $98,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 26-001229-01)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

907 57TH PLACE
FAIRMOUNT HEIGHTS, MD 20743

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Louis Vincent Jackson, Fidela E. Jackson and Vincent S. Jackson, dated January 27, 2015 and recorded in Liber 37181, folio 579 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AT 11:20 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Prince George's County, Maryland and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

The property, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, encumbrances and agreements of record affecting the subject property, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, at their sole discretion, for $17,000 at the time of sale. If the noteholder and/or servicer is the successful bidder, the deposit requirement is waived. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid within ten (10) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 5% per annum from date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees, if the property is purchased by an entity other than the noteholder and/or servicer. If payment of the balance does not occur within ten (10) days of ratification, the deposit will be forfeited as liquidated damages. The purchaser agrees that the property may be resold pursuant to an order of court, waives personal service upon themselves and/or any principal or corporate designee of any documents filed regarding the failure to pay the purchase price within ten (10) days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail of said documents at the address provided by the purchaser in the Memorandum of Sale. This transaction may be subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE Rule") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, effective March 1, 2026. Purchaser will be responsible for obtaining the information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule and for providing the necessary information to the Reporting Person, as defined in the RRE Rule within (10) ten days following Ratification of the Sale or Purchaser's deposit will be forfeited and property resold. The purchaser will not be entitled to any surplus or profits arising from the resale even if they are the result of improvements made by the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event settlement is delayed for any reason. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, and front foot benefit charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale, and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes (including agricultural transfer taxes, if applicable), and all settlement charges shall be borne by the purchaser. The sale is subject to a post sale audit of the loan, including but not limited to an analysis of whether the borrower entered into a loan modification agreement, filed bankruptcy, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. The Substitute Trustees will convey either insurable or marketable title. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable or marketable title or, the post sale audit concludes that the sale should not have occurred, or the sale is not ratified by the court for any reason, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit without interest even if the purchaser has made improvements to the property. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale. (Matter #26-600372).

Laura H. G. O'Sullivan, et al., Substitute Trustees

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
3103 Southern Avenue Unit 33, Temple Hills, MD 20748

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 3103 Southern Avenue Unit 33, Temple Hills, MD 20748. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated May 24, 2007, and recorded in Liber 28096 at Page 448 among the land records of the County of Prince George's, in the original principal amount of $82,000.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, at the front of the Duval Wing of the Courthouse Complex located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on **September 1, 2026 at 2:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 06-3287299

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 25-300086.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained and provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing.

The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within fifteen days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale.

William M. Savage, et al., Substitute Trustees.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

7903 ETON LANE
CLINTON, MD 20735

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated February 28, 2025, recorded in Liber 50714, Folio 211 and re-recorded in Liber 51731, Folio 344 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $392,755.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AT 11:48 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $39,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 383387-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

6995 ROSECRANS DRIVE
TEMPLE HILLS, MD 20748

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Aida Arefaine, dated October 13, 2023 and recorded in Liber 49374, folio 134 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AT 11:34 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Prince George's County, Maryland and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

Property Address (for Informational Purposes): 6995 Rosecrans Drive, Temple Hills MD 20748

Tax ID Number: 09-5663923

The foreclosure sale advertised herein has been docketed in the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, as Case No. C-16-CV-26-002715

The property, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, encumbrances and agreements of record affecting the subject property, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, at their sole discretion, for $54,000 at the time of sale. If the noteholder and/or servicer is the successful bidder, the deposit requirement is waived. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid within fifteen (15) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 9.99000% per annum from date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees, if the property is purchased by an entity other than the noteholder and/or servicer. If payment of the balance does not occur within fifteen days of ratification, the deposit will be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event settlement is delayed for any reason. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, and front foot benefit charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale, and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes (including agricultural transfer taxes, if applicable), and all settlement charges shall be borne by the purchaser. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit to the purchaser. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale. (Matter #245476-7).

Adam Friedman, et al, Substitute Trustees

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

11544 JOYCETON DRIVE, UNIT #33-2
UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20774

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated October 30, 2006, recorded in Liber 26382, Folio 110 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $202,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AT 11:58 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and described as Unit 33-2, in a Horizontal or Condominium Regime entitled "Condominium Plat, Section 40, Phase 33, Phase Plat, Ketterling-by-the-park, II" and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $15,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 383531-1)

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
5505 Old Silver Hill Road, District Heights, MD 20747

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 5505 Old Silver Hill Road, District Heights, MD 20747. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated July 21, 2006, and recorded in Liber 26320 at Page 507 among the land records of the County of Prince George's, in the original principal amount of $360,000.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, at the front of the Duval Wing of the Courthouse Complex located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on **September 1, 2026 at 2:00 PM,** all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 06-0552554 and 06-0552562

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 18-276415.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained and provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing.

The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within fifteen days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale.

William M. Savage, et al., Substitute Trustees.

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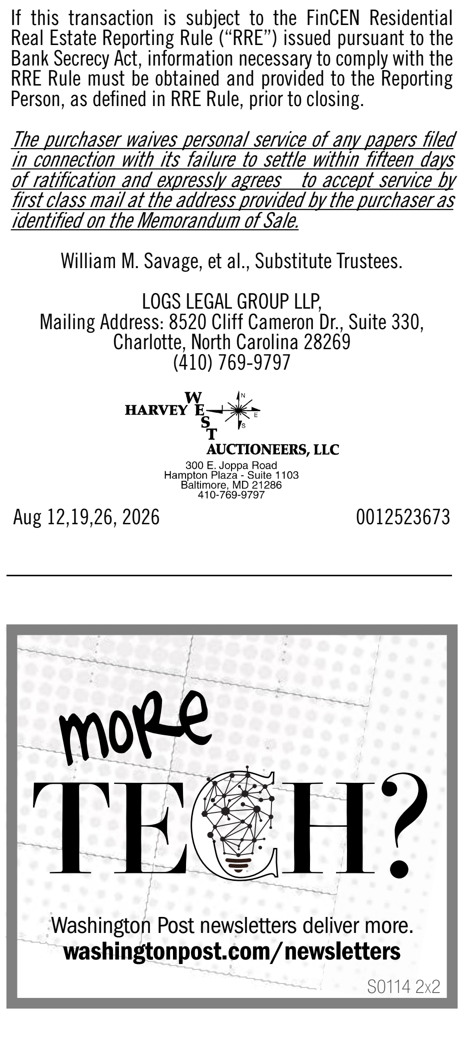
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

309 SUMMIT POINT BOULEVARD
BOWIE, MD 20716

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated February 28, 2023, recorded in Liber 48670, Folio 396 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $690,760.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

AUGUST 25, 2026 AT 11:58 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $76,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 371369-2)

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8315 GIBBONS DRIVE
FORT WASHINGTON, MD 20744

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated July 6, 2007, recorded in Liber 30819, Folio 116 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $296,250.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

AUGUST 25, 2026 AT 11:56 AM

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Terms of Sale: A deposit of $22,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 200595-2)

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9939 RAINTREE WAY
CLINTON, MD 20735

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated November 16, 2007, recorded in Liber 29005, Folio 337 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $216,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

AUGUST 25, 2026 AT 11:54 AM

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The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $20,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 373286-1)

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4100 55TH AVENUE
BLADENSBURG, MD 20710

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated August 28, 2014, recorded in Liber 36354, Folio 52 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $244,686.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

AUGUST 25, 2026 AT 11:50 AM

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The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $33,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 346705-10)

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6219 58TH AVENUE
RIVERDALE, MD 20737

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated April 22, 2015, recorded in Liber 37342, Folio 548 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $100,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

AUGUST 25, 2026 AT 11:48 AM

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The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $8,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 380480-2)

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1525 RUSTON AVENUE
CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD 20743

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated May 19, 2021, recorded in Liber 45696, Folio 358 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $343,660.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

AUGUST 25, 2026 AT 11:46 AM

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The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $30,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 365872-2)

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422 ABEL AVENUE
CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD 20743

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated July 10, 2018, recorded in Liber 41131, Folio 9 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $147,283.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

AUGUST 25, 2026 AT 11:44 AM

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The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $16,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 343617-3)

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5815 FALKLAND PLACE
CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD 20743

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated November 6, 2018, recorded in Liber 41603, Folio 185 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $225,834.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

AUGUST 25, 2026 AT 11:30 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #18-2026086.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $25,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 25-001751-01)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

1300 MINNESOTA WAY
UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20774

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated September 27, 2005, recorded in Liber 23361, Folio 597 and re-recorded in Liber 24799, Folio 358 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $357,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AT 11:44 AM

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The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $31,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 345492-2)

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
1200 Hill Road, Landover, MD 20785

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 1200 Hill Road, Landover, MD 20785. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated October 30, 1998, and recorded in Liber 12680 at Page 517 among the land records of the County of Prince George's, in the original principal amount of $131,800.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, at the front of the Duval Wing of the Courthouse Complex located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on **September 1, 2026 at 2:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 18-1990563

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 19-285660.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained and provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing.

The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within fifteen days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
10907 Marlboro Crossing Court, Cheltenham, MD 20623

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 10907 Marlboro Crossing Court, Cheltenham, MD 20623 . By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated March 7, 2012, and recorded in Liber 33570 at Page 377 among the land records of the County of Prince George's, in the original principal amount of $525,230.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, at the front of the Duval Wing of the Courthouse Complex located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on **September 1, 2026 at 2:00 PM** , all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 11-3704459

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 25-299124.

The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within fifteen days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale.

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8012 STONE HAVEN DRIVE
GLEN BURNIE, MD 21060

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated September 29, 2006, recorded in Liber 18357, Folio 118 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of $355,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AT 9:40 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $20,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 355207-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

7007 MIGLIORI COURT
DISTRICT HEIGHTS, MD 20747

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated June 7, 2019, recorded in Liber 42280, Folio 92 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, MD, with an original principal balance of $185,550.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772 (Duval Wing entrance, located on Main St.), on

AUGUST 25, 2026 AT 12:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $18,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 362245-1)

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
8104 Quarterfield Road, Severn, MD 21144

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 8104 Quarterfield Road, Severn, MD 21144. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated November 27, 2006, and recorded in Liber 18545 at Page 570 among the land records of the COUNTY OF ANNE ARUNDEL, in the original principal amount of $496,000.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF ANNE ARUNDEL, at 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, Maryland, on **September 1, 2026 at 4:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 04-814-90098087

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 17-271875.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained and provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing.

The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within fifteen days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

440 LYNWOOD DRIVE
SEVERNA PARK, MD 21146

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated December 14, 2018, recorded in Liber 32793, Folio 455 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of $481,026.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

AUGUST 25, 2026 AT 9:53 AM

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The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $51,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 377912-1)

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1191 CEDAR AVENUE
SHADY SIDE, MD 20764

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated May 4, 2018, recorded in Liber 32118, Folio 359 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of $144,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

AUGUST 25, 2026 AT 9:55 AM

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The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $13,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 359368-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

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BALTIMORE, MD 21225

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated April 17, 2017, recorded in Liber 30871, Folio 100 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of $240,562.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

AUGUST 25, 2026 AT 9:49 AM

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Terms of Sale: A deposit of $23,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 355510-4)

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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated March 30, 2020, recorded in Liber 34678, Folio 121 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of $210,012.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

AUGUST 25, 2026 AT 9:51 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $23,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 359842-3)

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8162 HICKORY HOLLOW DRIVE
GLEN BURNIE, MD 21060

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated April 28, 2017, recorded in Liber 30890, Folio 311 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of $521,194.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

AUGUST 25, 2026 AT 9:45 AM

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The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $53,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 383827-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

2326 SANDY WALK WAY
ODENTON, MD 21113

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated October 31, 2011, recorded in Liber 24011, Folio 498 among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, MD, with an original principal balance of $211,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, at the Court House Door, 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, on

AUGUST 25, 2026 AT 9:47 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Anne Arundel County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $15,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 306515-7)

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
3268 Rolling Road, Edgewater, MD 21037

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 3268 Rolling Road, Edgewater, MD 21037. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated November 24, 2015, and recorded in Liber 29090 at Page 76 among the land records of the County of Anne Arundel, in the original principal amount of $435,000.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF ANNE ARUNDEL, at 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, Maryland, on **September 1, 2026 at 4:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 01-000-05195400

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 23-293845.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained and provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing.

The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within fifteen days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale.

William M. Savage, et al., Substitute Trustees.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

12470 DALTON TRAIL
LUSBY, MD 20657

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Huy Huu Hang n/k/a Lucky Hang dated January 31, 2007 and recorded in Liber 2929, folio 635 among the Land Records of Calvert County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Calvert County, at the Court House Door, 175 Main St., Prince Frederick, MD 20678, on

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AT 2:40 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Calvert County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #01-089757.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $30,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Calvert County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. There will be no reduction of interest due to overpayment of deposit. Adjustment of all real property taxes (excluding recapture of previously reduced or exempt taxes) and any other public charges or assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, and ground rent to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, condo/HOA assessments and Columbia Assoc. assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes, recaptured taxes (including but not limited to agricultural taxes), and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale. THIS TRANSACTION MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE FINCEN RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE REPORTING RULE ("RRE RULE"). INFORMATION NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH THE RRE RULE MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES PRIOR TO CLOSING. FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR FINCEN REPORTING WILL BE CONSIDERED A DEFAULT. ADDITIONALLY, FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED INFORMATION UNDER SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES COULD RESULT IN THE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE NOT EXECUTING THE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES DEED. INTEREST WILL CONTINUE TO ACCRUE AND REMAIN THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER'S RESPONSIBILITY UNTIL THE INFORMATION IS PROVIDED.

If the Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, subject to order of the court, the entire deposit (including any amount received over the advertised deposit amount) shall be forfeited to the Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Defaulting purchaser waives personal service of any document filed in connection with such a motion on him/herself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such document by regular mail directed to the address provided by said purchaser at the time of the foreclosure auction. Trustees' file number 25-004291-MD-F-1.

Diane S. Rosenberg, Mark D. Meyer, et al., Trustees

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COMMISSIONER'S SALE – NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE
90 Grovefield Lane, Owings, Maryland 20736

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE, made this Fifth day of August, 2026, by Richard A. Lash, Foreclosure Commissioner:

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2011, a certain Deed of Trust was executed by Thomas E. Wedge, who died October 28, 2017, as trustor in favor of MAS Associates, LLC DBA Equity Mortgage Lending as beneficiary and Real Estate Title & Escrow as trustee, and was recorded on May 9, 2011, in Liber 03713, Folio 465 in the office of the Land Records of Calvert County, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the Deed of Trust was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the "Secretary" or "HUD") pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest in the Deed of Trust is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment dated April 4, 2017, and recorded on April 21, 2017, in Liber 4979, Folio 342, in the office of the Land Records of Calvert County, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Deed of Trust due to violation of 9(a)(i): A borrower dies and the property is not the principal residence of at least one surviving borrower; and

WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of July 24, 2026 is $878,270.01; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust to be immediately due and payable;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of Buonassissi, Henning & Lash, P.C. as Foreclosure Commissioner, notice is hereby given that on **September 1, 2026 at 2:45 PM** local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder:

Commonly known as:

The Land referred to herein below is situated in the County of CALVERT, State of Maryland, and is described as follows:

All of Lot Numbered Nine (9) as shown on a plat entitled "PLAT ONE, GROVER'S SUMMIT", as per plat thereof duly recorded among the land records of Calvert County, Maryland in Liber ABE No. 5, Folio 247.

For informational purposes only: The improvements thereon being known as 90 Grovefield Lane
Tax ID No.: 03-163571.

BEING the same property conveyed to Thomas E. Wedge by Deed from Thomas E. Wedge and Deloris A. Wedge, dated April 15, 2011 and recorded May 9, 2011 among the Land Records of Calvert County, Maryland, in Liber 3713, folio 461.

WHEREAS Thomas E. Wedge departed this life on or about October 28, 2017, vesting title in the Duly Appointed Personal Representative of the Thomas E. Wedge.

The sale will be held at **the front of the Circuit Court for Calvert County, 175 Main Street, Prince Frederick, Maryland.**

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid $885,270.11.

There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale.

When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit 10% of the successful bid in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of 10% of the successful bid must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them.

The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of $500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due.

If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder.

There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant.

The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed.

The amount that must be paid if the mortgage is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is $878,270.01 as of July 24, 2026, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement.

Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below.

Date: August 5, 2026

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Foreclosure Commissioner

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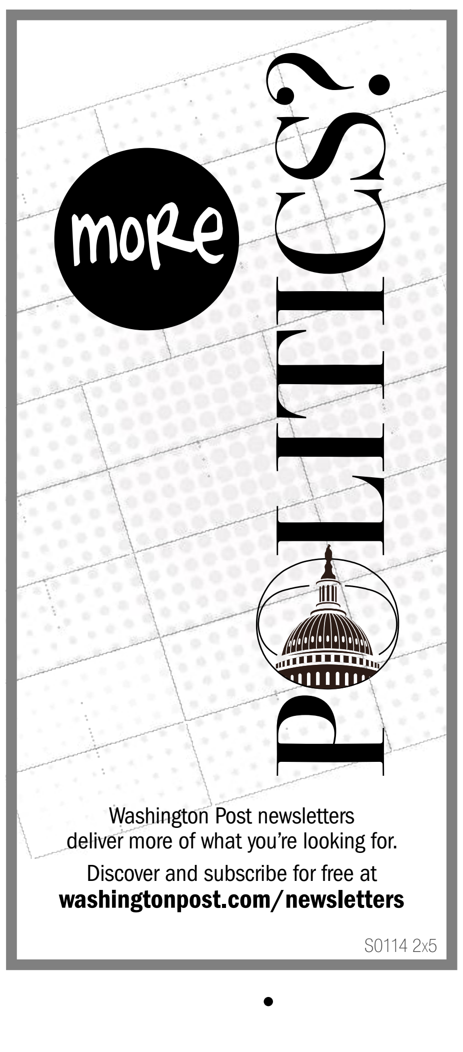
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

12446 SAN JOSE LANE
LUSBY, MD 20657

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated August 2, 2024, recorded in Liber 6606, Folio 443 among the Land Records of Calvert County, MD, with an original principal balance of $302,421.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Calvert County, at the Court House Door, 175 Main St., Prince Frederick, MD 20678, on

AUGUST 25, 2026 AT 2:32 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Calvert County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

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Terms of Sale: A deposit of $30,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 379326-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

6395 PORT TOBACCO ROAD
WELCOME, MD 20693

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated May 25, 2006, recorded in Liber 5854, Folio 347 among the Land Records of Charles County, MD, with an original principal balance of $306,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Charles County, 200 Charles St., La Plata, MD 20646, (Sale will be held in the breezeway between the Circuit Court and the District Court), on

AUGUST 25, 2026 AT 1:32 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Charles County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $27,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 358163-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

4450 JIMMY GREENS PLACE
LA PLATA, MD 20646

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Larreic Green and Janniece Hill-Green dated March 12, 2009 and recorded in Liber 6803, folio 292 among the Land Records of Charles County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Charles County, 200 Charles St., La Plata, MD 20646, (Sale will be held in the breezeway between the Circuit Court and the District Court), on

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AT 1:35 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Charles County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #07-051182.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $30,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Charles County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. There will be no reduction of interest due to overpayment of deposit. Adjustment of all real property taxes (excluding recapture of previously reduced or exempt taxes) and any other public charges or assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, and ground rent to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, condo/HOA assessments and Columbia Assoc. assessments, to the extent such amount survive foreclosure sale, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes, recaptured taxes (including but not limited to agricultural taxes), and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale. THIS TRANSACTION MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE FINCEN RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE REPORTING RULE ("RRE RULE"). INFORMATION NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH THE RRE RULE MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES PRIOR TO CLOSING. FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR FINCEN REPORTING WILL BE CONSIDERED A DEFAULT. ADDITIONALLY, FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED INFORMATION UNDER SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES COULD RESULT IN THE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE NOT EXECUTING THE SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES DEED. INTEREST WILL CONTINUE TO ACCRUE AND REMAIN THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER'S RESPONSIBILITY UNTIL THE INFORMATION IS PROVIDED.

If the Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, subject to order of the court, the entire deposit (including any amount received over the advertised deposit amount) shall be forfeited to the Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Defaulting purchaser waives personal service of any document filed in connection with such a motion on him/herself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such document by regular mail directed to the address provided by said purchaser at the time of the foreclosure auction. Trustees' file number 22-000760-MD-F-1.

Diane S. Rosenberg, Mark D. Meyer, et al., Trustees

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
3523 Flagstone Street, Waldorf, MD 20601

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 3523 Flagstone Street, Waldorf, MD 20601. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated October 5, 2021, and recorded in Liber 12151 at Page 73 among the land records of the County of Charles, in the original principal amount of $394,970.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF CHARLES, at 200 Charles St (in the Breezeway between Circuit & District Courts), LaPlata, MD, on **September 1, 2026 at 12:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 06-352538

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 24-297017.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained and provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing.

The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within fifteen days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale.

William M. Savage, et al., Substitute Trustees.

LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP,
Mailing Address: 8520 Cliff Cameron Dr., Suite 330,
Charlotte, North Carolina 28269
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301-961-6555

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

3104 APPLE CREEK LANE
WALDORF, MD 20603

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated October 23, 2020, recorded in Liber 11414, Folio 13 among the Land Records of Charles County, MD, with an original principal balance of $325,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Charles County, 200 Charles St., La Plata, MD 20646, (Sale will be held in the breezeway between the Circuit Court and the District Court), on

AUGUST 25, 2026 AT 1:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Charles County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $33,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 380388-1)

Andrew J. Brenner, et al, Substitute Trustees

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IN THE
CIRCUIT COURT
FOR
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Case No. C-15-CV-26-003147
COMMERCIAL FORECLOSURE

LAURA S. BOUYEA AND
DAREK S. BUSHNAQ,
Substitute Trustees,
Plaintiffs

v.

8701 GEORGIA LLC,
Defendant.

ORDER NISI

ORDERED this 11th day of August 2026, by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in the above captioned proceedings, located at **8701 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910,** as more particularly described in the Refinance Deed of Trust, Assignment of Leases and Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing dated as of January 3, 2019 ("**Deed of Trust**"), by and between 8701 Georgia LLC, as Trustor ("**Grantor**") and David A. Deckelbaum, Trustee, for the benefit of Citi Real Estate Funding Inc., as beneficiary ("**Original Lender**"), in the principal amount of $12,900,000.00, recorded on or about January 15, 2019, among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland (the "**Land Records**") in Book 57117, Page 323, having been assigned by Original Lender to Wilmington Trust, National Association, as Trustee, on behalf of the Registered Holders of Benchmark 2019-B9 Mortgage Trust, Commercial Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2019-B9 (the "**Trust**"), pursuant to that certain Assignment of Refinance Deed of Trust, Assignment of Leases and Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing dated as of February 14, 2019, recorded among the Land Records on March 19, 2019, in Book 57330, Page 211, and having been further assigned by the Trust to BMARK 2019-B9 Georgia Avenue, LLC, pursuant to that certain Assignment of Refinance Deed of Trust, Assignment of Leases and Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing effective as of June 15, 2026, and recorded in the Land Records on June 17, 2026, at Book 70622, Page 291, the Trustees having been substitute in as trustees under the Deed of Trust pursuant to a Deed of Removal of Trustee and Appointment of Substitute Trustees dated May 12, 2026, and recorded in the Land Records on May 12, 2026, at Book 70476, Page 367, made and reported in this cause by Laura S. Bouyea and Darek S. Bushnaq, Trustees, be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **10th day of September 2026**, provided a copy of this Order Nisi be inserted in some newspaper published in Montgomery County, once in each of three (3) successive weeks before the **10th day of September, 2026.** The Report of Sale states the amount of sale to be Two Million Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (**$2,850,000.00**).

Karen A. Bushell
Clerk

Aug 19,26,Sep 2, 2026 0012524514

851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
THE COUNTY OF
PRINCE GEORGE'S,
MARYLAND

WILLIAM M. SAVAGE, et al.
Trustee(s)
Plaintiff(s)

vs.

TINA MARIE THOMAS
Defendant(s)
Mortgagor(s)

CIVIL NO: C-16-CV-25-005918

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, this **6 day of August, 2026** by the Circuit Court for the County of Prince George's, Maryland and by the authority thereof, that the sale made by William M. Savage, Gregory N. Britto, Angela M. Tonello, Trustees, of the Real Property designated as **1700 Crimson Place, Bowie, MD 20721** , and reported, in the above entitled cause, will be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **7 day of September, 2026** next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, 1150 15th Street, Washington DC, MD published in said County of Prince George's once a week for three successive weeks before the **7 day of September, 2026**. The report states the amount of the sale to be **$378,140.95**.

Mahasin El Amin
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR COUNTY OF
PRINCE GEORGE'S

Trustees File#: 22-292041

Aug 12,19,26, 2026 0012524274

851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY,
MARYLAND

ANDREW J. BRENNER, et. al.
6001 Executive Blvd, Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitute Trustees/Plaintiffs,

VS.

SHEILA M. TINKER
DORREL O. TINKER
(DECEASED)
6704 Hamilton Street
Riverdale, MD 20737
Defendant(s).

Case No.C-16-CV-25-005641

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **29 day of July, 2026**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **6704 Hamilton Street, Riverdale, MD 20737** made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **31 day of August 2026**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily news- paper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **31 day of August, 2026**. The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$387,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Prince George's County,
Maryland

Matter ID#MD-359062-2

Aug 5,12,19, 2026 0012523968

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY,
MARYLAND

ANDREW J. BRENNER, et. al.
6001 Executive Blvd, Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitute Trustees/Plaintiffs,

VS.

CHUKWUEMEKA N. IRONO
40 Bayou Avenue
Capital Heights, MD 20743
Defendant(s).

Case No.C-16-CV-25-006232

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **6th day of August, 2026**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **40 Bayou Avenue, Capitol Heights, MD 20743** made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **8th day of September, 2026**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily news- paper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **8th day of September, 2026**. The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$302,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Prince George's County,
Maryland

ID#MD-85106-3

Aug 12,19,26, 2026 0012524240

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY,
MARYLAND

ANDREW J. BRENNER, et. al.
6001 Executive Blvd, Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitute Trustees/Plaintiffs,

VS.

MORGAN ORMSBY
SARA ORMSBY
4113 Cottage Terrace
Brentwood, MD 20722
Defendant(s).

Case No.C-16-CV-25-006557

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **6th day of August, 2026**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **4113 Cottage Terrace, Brentwood, MD 20722** made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **8th day of September, 2026**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily news- paper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **8th day of September, 2026**. The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$294,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Prince George's County,
Maryland

ID#MD-380086

Aug 12,19,26, 2026 0012524242

851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

Adam Friedman,
Ralph Vartolo,
Catherine Aponte,
and Rachel Kiefer
Substitute Trustees

VS.

Michael David Taplin;
Tynekia Taplin,

CASE NO. C-16-CV-25-005903

NOTICE OF SALE

ORDERED, this **23rd day of July, 2026** by the Circuit court of Prince George's, Maryland, that the sale of the property at **7508 Nanjemoy Drive, Brandywine, MD 20613**, the subject property of these proceedings, made and reported by Adam Friedman, Ralph Vartolo, Catherine Aponte, and Rachel Kiefer, Substitute Trustees, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shows on or before the **24th day of August, 2026**, provided a copy of this notice be inserted in some newspaper published in said County once in each of three successive weeks before the **24th day of August, 2026**. The report states the amount of sale to be **$493,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
PRINCE GEORGE'S, MARYLAND

Aug 5,12,19, 2026 0012523965

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY,
MARYLAND

ANDREW J. BRENNER, et. al.
6001 Executive Blvd, Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitute Trustees/Plaintiffs,

VS.

SHAWNETTE MELISSA JAMES
16710 Maylon Court
Brandywine, MD 20613
Defendant(s).

Case No.C-16-CV-26-001988

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **5 day of August, 2026**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **16710 Maylon Court, Brandywine, MD 20613** made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **7 day of September, 2026**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily news- paper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **7 day of September, 2026**. The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$753,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Prince George's County,
Maryland

ID#MD-382919

Aug 12,19,26, 2026 0012524243

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY,
MARYLAND

ANDREW J. BRENNER, et. al.
6001 Executive Blvd, Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitute Trustees/Plaintiffs,

VS.

CLEMENT O. ADEYEMI
8606 Brae Brooke Drive
Lanham, MD 20706
Defendant(s).

Case No.C-16-CV-26-000499

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **6 day of August, 2026**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **8606 Brae Brooke Drive, Lanham, MD 20706** made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **7 day of September, 2026**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily newspaper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **7 day of September, 2026**. The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$259,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Prince George's County,
Maryland

ID#MD-331528-2

Aug 12,19,26, 2026 0012524275

851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY,
MARYLAND

KEITH YACKO, et al,
Substitute Trustee,
Plaintiff,

v.

THE ESTATE OF JOANNE C.
HUTCHESON, et al,
Defendants.

Case No.C-16-CV-26-002287

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **11th day of August, 2026** that the sale of the property in this case, **1910 IVERSON STREET, TEMPLE HILLS, MD 20748**, reported by Kendall Clark, Attorney for the Substitute Trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **11th day of September, 2026**, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in Washington Post, a newspaper published in PRINCE GEORGE'S County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the **11th day of September, 2026**. The report states the amount of sale to be **$276,000.00.**

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk

Aug 19,26,Sep 2, 2026 0012524524

MARYLAND:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

Civil Action No.
C-16-CV-26-000919

SUDEB BASU,
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE
Plaintiff,

v.

STEAVE YANDE
Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE OF
1719 Tulip Ave.,
District Heights, MD 20772

Notice is hereby given by the Prince George's County Circuit Court that the sale for the property, **1719 Tulip Ave., District Heights, MD 20772,** made and reported by Sudeb Basu, Substitute Trustee will be ratified unless cause to the contrary be shown within 30 days after the date of this notice.
A copy of this notice shall be published at least once a week in each of three successive weeks before the expiration of the 30-day period in the Washington Post, a newspaper of general circulation in Prince George's County.
The Report of Sale states the amount of sale to be **$245,000.00.**

Dated: 08-05-2026

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk, Circuit Court
Prince George's County,
Maryland

Aug 19,26,Sep 2, 2026 0012524541

856 Frederick County

CIRCUIT COURT FOR
FREDERICK COUNTY,
MARYLAND
100 West Patrick Street
Frederick, Maryland 21701
Clerk of the Court: 301-600-1976
Assignment Office:
301-600-2015

Case Number:
C-10-CV-26-000217
Other Reference Numbers:

BRENNAN FERGUSON, ET AL.

VS.

WINTON JORDAN

Date: 08/10/2026

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby issued by the Circuit Court for Frederick County this **10th day of August, 2026** that the sale made and recorded by John C. Hanrahan, Esq. for the sale of the property described in these proceedings

1813 Free Terrace,
Frederick, MD 21702

be ratified and confirmed thirty (30) days from the date of this Notice, unless cause to the contrary be shown, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in some Newspaper published in this County, once in each of three (3) successive weeks. The report states the amount of the sale to be **$291,000.00.**

Sandra K. Dalton
Clerk of the Circuit Court

B&S File No.: 23-24270 FC02

Aug 19,26,Sep 2, 2026 0012524502

856 Frederick County

CIRCUIT COURT FOR
FREDERICK COUNTY,
MARYLAND
100 West Patrick Street
Frederick, Maryland 21701
Clerk of the Court: 301-600-1976
Assignment Office:
301-600-2015

Case Number:
C-10-CV-26-000453
Other Reference Numbers:

ANDREW BRENNER

VS.

KENNETH MCDONALD, JR.

Date: 08/12/2026

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby issued by the Circuit Court for Frederick County this **12th day of August, 2026** that the sale made and recorded by Philip Shriver for the sale of the property described in these proceedings

8196 Honey Clover Court,
Frederick, MD 21702

be ratified and confirmed thirty (30) days from the date of this Notice, unless cause to the contrary be shown, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in some Newspaper published in this County, once in each of three (3) successive weeks. The report states the amount of the sale to be **$473,000.00.**

Sandra K. Dalton
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Aug 19,26,Sep 2, 2026 0012524540

CIRCUIT COURT FOR
FREDERICK COUNTY,
MARYLAND
100 West Patrick Street
Frederick, Maryland 21701
Clerk of the Court: 301-600-1976
Assignment Office:
301-600-2015

Case Number:
C-10-CV-26-000093
Other Reference Numbers:

BRENNAN FERGUSON, ET AL.

VS.

GRIFFIN LYNCH

Date: 08/13/2026

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby issued by the Circuit Court for Frederick County this **13th day of August, 2026,** that the sale made and recorded by John C. Hanrahan for the sale of the property described in these proceedings

1574 Wilmer Park Ln,
Frederick, MD 21703

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CIRCUIT COURT FOR
FREDERICK COUNTY,
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100 West Patrick Street
Frederick, Maryland 21701
Clerk of the Court: 301-600-1976
Assignment Office:
301-600-2015

Case Number:
C-10-CV-26-000272
Other Reference Numbers:

DIANE ROSENBERG

VS.

BENJAMIN SWET

Date: 08/07/2026

NOTICE OF SALE

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100 West Patrick Street
Frederick, Maryland 21701
Clerk of the Court: 301-600-1976
Assignment Office:
301-600-2015

Case Number:
C-10-CV-26-000247
Other Reference Numbers:

KEITH YACKO

VS.

CERI MORELLO, ET AL.

Date: 08/06/2026

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FREDERICK COUNTY,
MARYLAND
100 West Patrick Street
Frederick, Maryland 21701
Clerk of the Court: 301-600-1976
Assignment Office:
301-600-2015

Case Number:
C-10-CV-25-001008
Other Reference Numbers:

ANDREW BRENNER

VS.

MARRIANNE BURTON
Date: 08/06/2026

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby issued by the Circuit Court for Frederick County this day, 6th day of August, 2026 that the sale made and recorded by Kimberly Mulkey for the sale of the property described in these proceedings

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100 West Patrick Street
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Assignment Office:
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Case Number:
C-10-CV-23-000617
Other Reference Numbers:

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CARLA CASTRO

Date: 08/10/2026

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
6292 Levi Court,
Springfield, VA 22150

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $52,500.00 dated January 11, 2007 recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for Fairfax County on January 16, 2007 as Instrument Number: 2007001243.015, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the Main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Fairfax County, 4110 Chain Bridge Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030 on **October 8, 2026** at 10:00 AM the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as: ALL THAT CERTAIN Lot 263, Section Five (5), JAPONICA, as the same is duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 9493, at Page 844, among the land records of Fairfax County, Virginia. Tax ID: 0911 23 0263.

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(Trustee # 26-005982)

Substitute Trustee: ALG Trustee, LLC C/O Orlans Law Group PLLC PO Box 2548, Leesburg, VA 20177 (703) 777-7101 website: www.Orlans.com

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Trustee's Sale
3308 ARDLEY CT,
FALLS CHURCH, VA 22041
(Parcel ID: 0612 34 0057B)

Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated 6/25/2021, in the original principal amount of $540,038.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the Fairfax County, Virginia on 7/1/2021, as Instrument No. 2021108376.002, in Book 27205, Page 0481, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction on **10/27/2026 at 12:45 PM**, At the Main Entrance of the Circuit Court of Fairfax County located at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, VA 22030, the property designated as 3308 ARDLEY CT, FALLS CHURCH, VA 22041.

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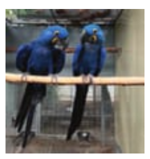

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HOW TO

Why Armenian cucumbers are superior (even if they're melons)

BY LIANA AGHAJANIAN

Every summer I try to grow Armenian cucumbers. Some run past a foot, all of them deeply ridged with crinkles I've come to love. Their serpentine shapes make them look almost alive, the way they curl and double back, each one with a personality all its own. They love the heat and give back the opposite: something cool, pale green, thin-skinned and crisp — the exact thing you want on a day that's too hot to cook.

Compared with other cucumbers, they're milder, with a mellow, balanced flavor, and are rarely bitter. If you already reach for English or Persian cucumbers, think of the Armenian ones with their distinctive looks as their more eccentric, exciting cousin.

Technically, Armenian cucumbers aren't cucumbers at all. You could eat them your whole life and never know that they're botanically melons, closely related to cantaloupes. But since they grow long and ridged instead of round and smooth, and because they stay crisp and never turn as sweet as the cantaloupe they're related to, calling them cucumbers makes sense.

They go by different names in various parts of the world — acur in Turkish, metki in Lebanon and Syria, tortarello in Italian. But they crossed an ocean with Armenians, and they have carried

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RECIPE
Armenian Cucumber Salad
With Cantaloupe and Prosciutto **E3**

SCOTT SUCHMAN/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST; FOOD STYLING BY LISA CHERKASKY

Don't fall for these 5 myths about grocery store wines

Wine

EMILY SALADINO

Maybe you scour your grocery circular for weekly wine deals. Or you occasionally impulse-buy bottles en route to checkout. Either way, shopping for wine at the supermarket is an accessible, and often affordable, way to fill your cart and glass — so long as it's legal in your state.

But it's easy to get disenchanted or overwhelmed in the aisles because the field can be uneven. Some grocers hand-select wines that meet their tasting team's high standards. Others sell cases from whatever distributor gives them the best margins.

No wonder there are so many misconceptions about supermarket wines. Whether you're a chain-store devotee or you can't imagine buying chillable reds in the same place you purchase fabric softener, it's important to separate fact from fiction.

Ultimately, we all want to be able to find great bottles wherever we shop. I spoke with experts on both sides of the register to unpack the most pervasive myths about supermarket wines.

1. All chain stores carry the same wines.

Most supermarket chains stock an array of core items at every location. However, at chains like Costco, Kroger and Trader Joe's, the wine selection at stores can vary.

There are a few reasons why. It might be because of availability or distribution regulations, such as if a wholesaler can ship alcohol only to specific states to comply with the waking nightmare of the three-tier system.

In other instances, brand representatives curate in-store wine selections based on consumer preferences. "Some parts of the country

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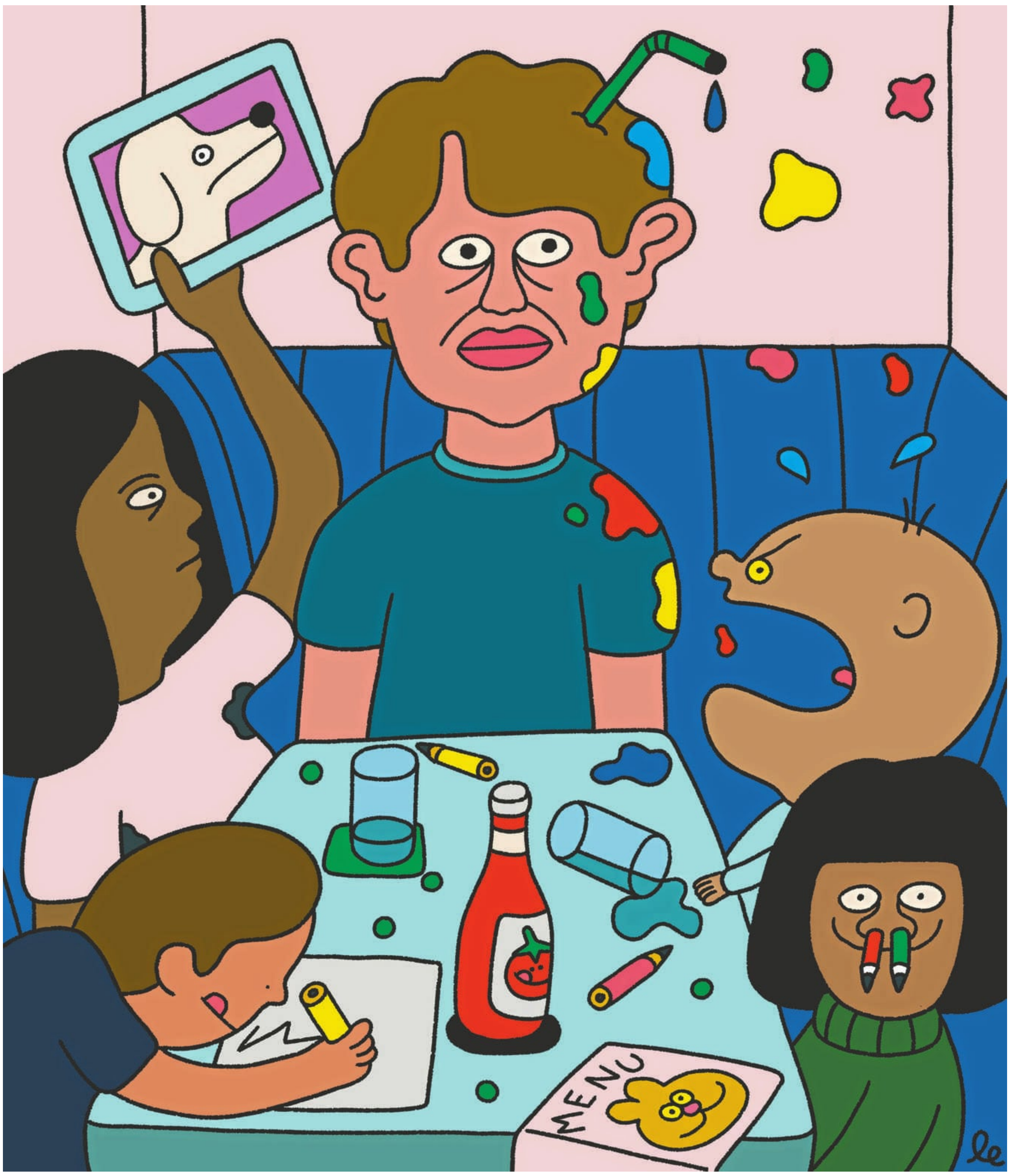

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The definitive rules of dining out with kids

The experience can be taxing, but it can be a positive one, too.
Here's what servers, restaurateurs and child experts want you to know.

BY EMILY HEIL

Dining at restaurants is one of the joys of life, but even the most devoted parents could agree that kids can sometimes complicate the idyllic scene of a leisurely meal and a lovely setting. Of course, diners of all ages can be poorly behaved, but kids in restaurants tend to elicit the strongest opinions. ¶ We asked parenting and dining experts for tips to ensure the experience goes as smoothly as possible for all involved: parents, fellow diners, restaurant staff and, of course, the kids themselves. First off, they emphasized that when it comes to kids and restaurants, there's no one-size-fits-all approach. Kids come in all sizes and ages, and with all types of dispositions — a sleeping infant isn't the same as a curious toddler or a sulky tween. And any given child has good and bad days (or hours, even), so a fully rested, non-hangry version of them is a different beast from a stressed-out one. ¶ The bottom line: It's important to get kids used to dining in restaurants. So much advice focuses on what's taxing about the experience, but remember that it can be a positive thing for both parents and children. "When you think about it, how much of our adult lives is spent in these social situations where we gather in restaurants — business meals, first dates, whatever it is — [and] gaining those skills and being acclimated to that environment is a really important lesson for children," says Adam Reiner, a veteran of the restaurant industry and the author of "The New Rules of Dining Out." ¶ Here's what you can do to make a meal out with kids a great one.

SEE **DINING OUT** ON E2

NOURISH
This bright, colorful noodle bowl can make mealtime with kids feel like less of a battle. **E2**

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The noodles are stir-fried with red and green bell pepper and boast an eye-catching yellow hue thanks to mild curry powder and turmeric.

Spark kids' interest in food with colorful noodle bowl

Ellie Krieger

NOURISH

Mealtime with kids can often feel like a battle where, no matter how much you cajole, they reject the food you want them to try and default to plain buttered noodles or other beige foods.

One way out of this struggle is to stop pushing — it usually just makes children push back. Instead, encourage them to explore food on their own terms, with a sense of curiosity in the variety of color, texture, taste and aroma. Spark their interest and investment before you even get to the table by getting them involved in choosing ingredients and helping with the cooking.

While my daughter was somewhat of a picky eater, I witnessed how well this tactic worked when she was about 5 years old. Brussels sprouts became her favorite vegetable immediately after she marched them proudly home from the farmers market, holding a stalk of them that was nearly taller than she was.

And for years I've been mesmerized by the Instagram feed @cookingforlevi, where Levi, first as a toddler and now as a 5-year-old, discovers and delights in the exciting array of food he cooks and eats with his parents, Jack and Emmy Zhang. In their new cookbook, "Weeknight Winners, Family Dinners," the Zhangs offer a helpful guide to approaching family meals as a playful, sensory experience, including strategies for getting kids excited and curious about food.

This noodle stir-fry, which is adapted from the book, is one answer to a question the Zhangs often ask Levi: "What's your favorite color today?" before buying produce to match his answer. Inspired by the Cantonese-style dish Singapore fried noodles, the bowl pops with brilliant color. The noodles, which are stir-fried with red and green bell pepper, boast an eye-catching, electric yellow hue from mild curry powder and ground turmeric. It's a meal that's adaptable, so feel free to change up the color of the peppers or even the type of vegetable based on what your child gravitates toward.

With protein coming from shrimp, ham and egg, it's a balanced meal that encourages children to joyfully explore food's rainbow of possibilities in a package that's as tasty as it is nutritious.

Krieger is a registered dietitian nutritionist, cookbook author, and cooking show and podcast host. Learn more at *elliekrieger.com*.

Curried Stir-Fried Noodles With Ham and Shrimp

4 to 6 servings (makes about 8 cups)

This noodle stir-fry, from the creators of @cookingforlevi, Jack and Emmy Zhang, pops with brilliant color from fragrant curry powder, turmeric, and strips of red and green bell peppers. The dish is inspired by Singapore fried noodles, which is a popular Cantonese-style takeout dish, they write. Packed with protein from shrimp, ham and egg, it's a meal that brings a bounty of nutrition and joy. To make this recipe in the least amount of time, prep your ingredients while the water comes to a boil.

Storage: Refrigerate for up to 2 days.

Total time: 35 mins

Adapted from "Weeknight Winners, Family Dinners" by Jack and Emmy Zhang (Simon Element, 2026).

Ingredients

- 6 ounces dry rice vermicelli
- 3 tablespoons neutral oil, such as avocado or canola, divided
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 8 ounces large shrimp (about 30 per pound), peeled and deveined, tails removed
- 4 ounces ham, thinly sliced, then cut into ribbons
- 1 large red bell pepper, cored, seeded and thinly sliced
- 1 large green bell pepper, cored, seeded and thinly sliced
- ½ medium yellow or white onion (4 ounces total), thinly sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, minced or finely grated
- 2 teaspoons curry powder
- ¾ teaspoon granulated sugar
- ¼ teaspoon fine salt
- Water, as needed
- 1 tablespoon reduced-sodium soy sauce or fish sauce
- ¼ teaspoon ground turmeric
- 1 scallion, thinly sliced

Steps

- Bring a medium pot of water to a boil over high heat. Add the vermicelli and cook according to the package instructions for a stir-fry. Drain, then transfer to a medium bowl.
- In a large (12-inch) skillet over medium-high heat, heat 1 tablespoon of the oil until a drop of cold water is added and rapidly sizzles. Add the eggs and cook, breaking them into small pieces, until cooked through, 30 to 45 seconds, breaking it into small pieces. Transfer to a medium bowl.
- Add another 1 tablespoon of the oil to the pan and return to medium-high heat. Add the shrimp and ham, and cook, stirring occasionally, until the shrimp are cooked through, 2 to 3 minutes. Transfer to the bowl with the eggs.
- Increase the heat to high and add the remaining 1 tablespoon of oil. Add the bell peppers and onion, and stir-fry until starting to soften, about 2 minutes. Add the garlic and stir-fry until aromatic, about 30 seconds. Sprinkle in the curry powder, sugar and salt, and stir-fry until incorporated, about 30 seconds more.
- Add the cooked noodles and stir-fry, tossing with tongs until well combined, 1 to 2 minutes. If the pan seems dry, add 1 to 2 tablespoons of water. Add the soy sauce and turmeric, and stir-fry until evenly coated, about 1 minute.
- Return the eggs, ham and shrimp to the pan, and toss to combine, 1 to 2 minutes more. Stir in the scallion, then remove from the heat and serve immediately.

Substitutions

- Vermicelli noodles >> angel hair pasta.
- Gluten-free? >> Use gluten-free tamari.
  Green or red bell pepper >> any color bell pepper.
- Vegetarian or vegan? >> Use extra-firm tofu in place of shrimp and ham, and omit the eggs.
- Onion >> shallot.

Nutrition | Per serving (about 1 ½ cups,) based on 6: 256 calories, 29g carbohydrates, 122mg cholesterol, 8g fat, 2g fiber, 14g protein, 1g saturated fat, 470mg sodium, 4g sugar

Recipe tested by Olga Massov; email questions to food@washpost.com

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How to make dining out with kids go smoothly for everyone involved

DINING OUT FROM **E1**

Choose the place wisely

The first choice you'll make about dining out with a kid or more in tow is the most important, experts say. Picking a place that's right for your family means checking it out in advance. Some restaurants have specific age-limit policies; others don't but still might not be the most welcoming. Any place that has a hushed atmosphere might not be the best fit.

That's not to say that any "fancy" place is off-limits. Amanda Shulman, a Philadelphia chef and restaurateur who has a 2-year-old daughter, says she and her husband still seek out upscale dining — but she does her homework first. "We took her to a fancy meal this summer, and I called them ahead — I wanted to make sure it was okay," she says. "And they really assured me that it wouldn't be disruptive, and they had crayons. It really just depends on the restaurant, but I don't have any expectations."

Communicate with the restaurant

Communication with the restaurant, dining experts say, is key. That starts with including any children in the party size when booking a reservation — don't assume you can just cram a kid in with the rest of the guests. And if you need a high chair or booster seat, make sure they have it, or if you're planning to bring your own, make sure they can accommodate it.

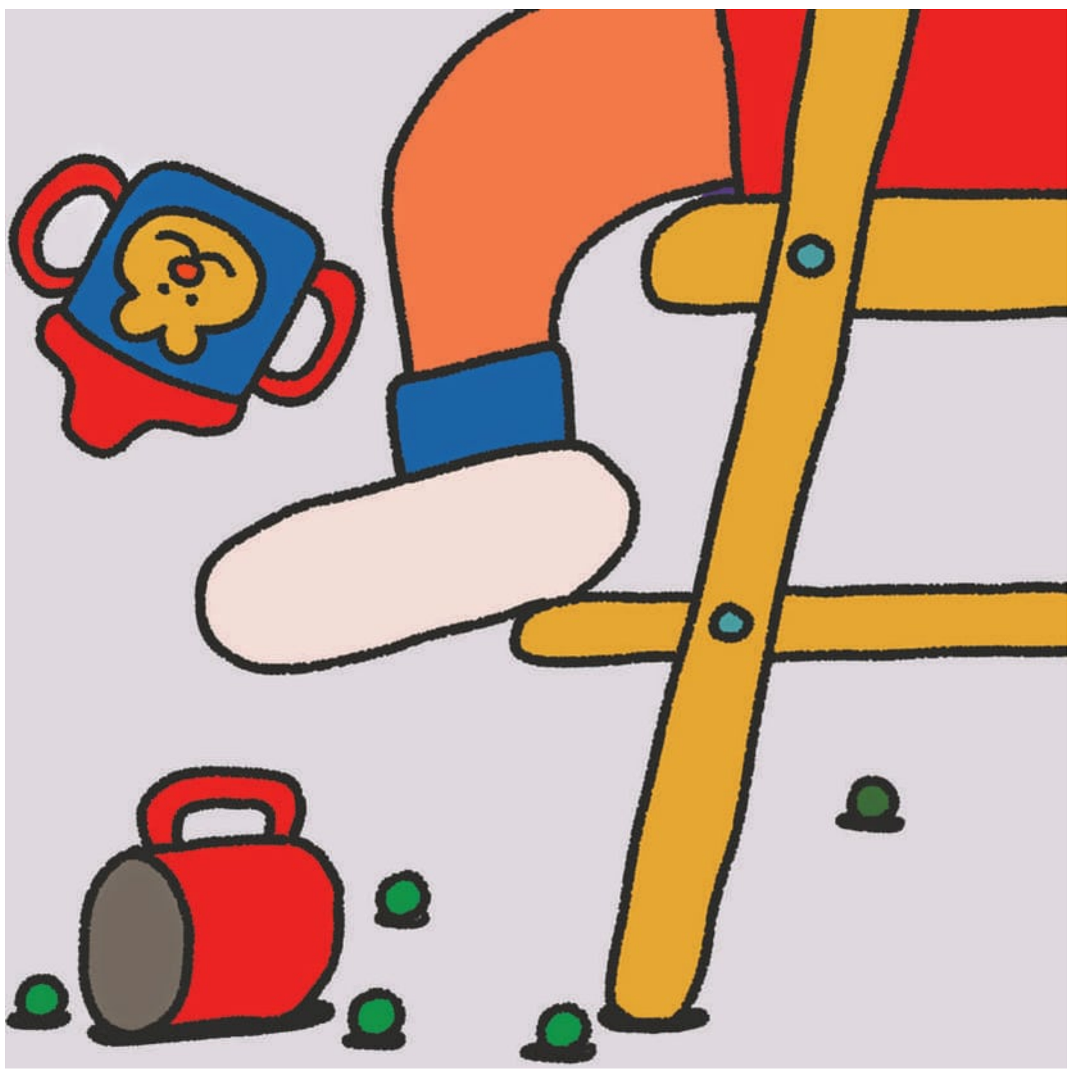
"I would make notes on the reservation and say, 'We have children ages 3 and 8,'" Reiner says. "The restaurant may want to assign you a table that's in a quieter, more remote area."

When you arrive, let your server know in advance that you might need the check early (see meltdown plans below) — and just be friendly.

Pay attention to your kids

Once you're there, understand that it's still your job, not the restaurant staff's, to keep an eye on your kid. Most people understand this, but sometimes, parents can be distracted. No matter the situation, obliviousness isn't an option.

"We always say that there are no bad kids, just bad parents," says Peter Pastan, who owns the family-friendly Washington pizza spot 2 Amys. "Bad parents pretend everything's fine when it isn't."



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>
> **Peter Pastan,** owner of 2 Amys

And a kid who is causing problems isn't just a nuisance to the staff, says parenting expert, educator and author Janet Lansbury. "It's not kind to put a child in a position where they're bothering everyone in the room," she says. "Being strict about that is actually kinder than being permissive."

Be ready to beat a hasty retreat

Everyone I spoke to for this story suggested the same thing: Parents at restaurants should think like a spy agency — they should have an extraction plan. If a kid is melting down, whatever that looks like, the grown-ups should be prepared to swiftly leave the scene. Maybe the child just needs a break, like a walk outside. But sometimes, you just have to call it a night.

If two parents are around, it's easier — one can exit with the fussy kid and the other can either remain or get the check and pay. If you're with a group, you can tap out and promise to send your share of the bill later. If it's just you, let your server know right away that you need to leave. And if you're mid-meal, ask for the food to go.

Order early — and not just off the kids' menu

The ideal strategy, say the folks who have observed kids in restaurants, is to order right away. A drawn-out meal might be fun for grown-ups, but it's just a test for many kids. Most restaurants will not mind if you order the kids' food as soon as you're seated.

Many restaurants won't bat an eye if you bring snacks from home. A little cereal in a baggie probably isn't an issue, but a full meal might be. And involve the kids in the ordering process, whether that's asking them what dish they prefer, or even getting them to tell the server what they want rather than having parents order for them, if they feel comfortable.

Kids' menus can be great, but even if there is one, see if the young diners want to try something new. "Kids are actually much less fussy about what they eat than a lot of adults," Pastan says. "They'll surprise you. They haven't decided that they hate all these different things yet."

Bring (quiet) distractions

Some restaurants cater to the underage set with crayons and games. But parents might want to bring their own lo-fi distractions such as drawing materials or simple games to occupy the time.

Screens in restaurants are divisive. They might be fine in some settings — with headphones, of course — but if the light they emit is disruptive, they might not be the best choice.

Pastan is okay with them. "I think it's a terrible thing, but everybody's on screens all day long, so to somehow pretend that your kids don't participate in that is, you know, it's just ... crazy, right?" he says.

Others say screens should be a last resort. Lansbury notes that if screens are the go-to, kids learn that meals are something you "check out" from, not a time to be present, talk and notice the world. And Reiner contends that parents should at least try to help kids learn to participate at restaurants. "It's one of the last bastions of human connection," he says. "Developing those habits and getting them acclimated to being comfortable in that setting, the sooner the better."

Tip your server generously

If your kid has left crumbs on the floor or required more of the servers' time than an adult might, it never hurts to show a little appreciation. Shulman says she always tips well, but she tacks on extra for servers who accommodate her daughter, especially if they have to make a quick exit.

"You tip extra plentifully, and you bow out, and that's life," Shulman says. "That happens."

Make it fun and memorable

Bringing a kid to a restaurant can be an enjoyable experience, not just a stressful task.

Parents often worry that the staff will be automatically put out, but that's not always the case, says Reiner, who recalls being delighted by kids who ordered for themselves and asked questions about the menu.

And Lansbury reminds parents to see the world through their kids' eyes, which are less jaded than veteran diners' might be. "Restaurants are a rich experience for them," she says. "My daughters loved everything — the little butter packets, the sugar, the people around them. They'll show you things in your favorite restaurant you never noticed."

Armenian cucumber salad is perfect for hot summer nights

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the Armenian name in the United States ever since.

Sometimes called yard-long or snake cucumbers, they're grown and sold all over the country. You'll find them at farmers markets and at Middle Eastern and Mediterranean grocery stores around July and August, when they're in peak season.

No place in the United States has more ties to the Armenian cucumber than the one most historically associated with its people's migration: Fresno, California. Armenians began arriving there in the 1880s and came in greater numbers fleeing the Ottoman Empire, first during the Hamidian massacres of the mid-1890s, then during the genocide of 1915. When they arrived, the San Joaquin Valley was relentlessly hot, dry and inhospitable. The land had to be irrigated and its rock-hard hardpan dynamited through before anything could grow. It took generations of immigrant and refugee labor to turn the valley into the agricultural behemoth it is today.

For a plant bred to love heat, the valley was close to perfect, and generations of Armenian Americans pressed these seeds into California dirt and watched them take. They traveled the way everything did in the diaspora: hand-to-hand, one person to the next. That's how they reached me, too — a friend mailed me a packet the year I had my first garden. Ask where any of it started and the answer was always the same: a friend who got them from family who got them from the Old Country.

When I eventually moved to Fresno myself, I knew I'd always be able to get my fix. That's where I learned to eat them on hot August nights, when the day's heat finally gave up sometime after eight and you could open the doors and windows and wait for the first breeze to move through. As the air cooled and my appetite came back, this was the first dish I'd make — the cucumbers with cantaloupe, sumac and lemon, pairing the sweeter, rounder fruit against the mellower, crispier one.

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This salad combines Armenian cucumber with ripe cantaloupe, ribbons of prosciutto, and mint and pistachios, while a tart lemon-sumac dressing keeps things bright.

> *The beauty of the Armenian cucumber is that it stays crisp — you never get the soft, watery letdown of a cucumber that's given up.*

At the market, look for firm, heavy cucumbers with smooth, pale-green skin and no soft spots. I never peel them because the skin is thin and doesn't get in the way, but if you want to, one of my favorite ways to peel a cucumber is in stripes, leaving bands of skin so it comes out looking like a zebra. And because they hold their crunch, you can cut them a day or two ahead, and they'll keep in the fridge well.

The beauty of the Armenian cucumber is that it stays crisp — you never get the soft, watery letdown of a cucumber that's given up. That's why they're built for pickling or for cutting into small cubes and stirring into thick, strained yogurt or labneh with a clove or two of crushed garlic. Too firm for a sandwich, they're a natural on a crudités platter, cut into spears alongside carrots where they're an easy stand-in for celery and an ideal companion for ranch dip. On the hottest days, they need nothing but salt and a cold fridge.

Over the years, the Armenian cucumber became a symbol for me of the Armenian journey — a fruit that left one place, picked up a new name and became something new on the other side of the world while retaining a bit of the past. Diaspora always creates its own world, food included, and this cucumber is proof that a thing can travel far, change so much and still, unmistakably, remain yours.

It also, as it happens, makes a very good salad.

Armenian Cucumber Salad With Cantaloupe and Prosciutto

4 to 6 servings (makes about 7 cups)

This salad pairs Armenian cucumbers, also known as yard-long or snake cucumbers, with ripe cantaloupe, ribbons of prosciutto, and mint and pistachios, while a tart lemon-sumac dressing keeps the salad fresh and bright. Because Armenian cucumbers are, botanically, in the melon family, the cantaloupe pairing is especially delicious, as they complement one another with their freshness and juiciness.

Storage: The salad is best eaten immediately. Leftovers can be refrigerated in an airtight container for up to 1 day, though the cucumbers and cantaloupe will soften and release liquid.

Where to buy: Armenian cucumbers can be found during the summer at farmers markets, as well as Armenian, Middle Eastern, Mediterranean and Persian markets, and some well-stocked supermarkets.

Total time: 20 mins

From journalist Liana Aghajanian.

Ingredients

- 2 medium Armenian cucumbers (12 to 15 inches long; 1¼ pounds total), ends trimmed
- ½ small ripe cantaloupe (about 12 ounces total), seeded, peeled and cut into ¾-inch chunks (2 cups)
- Fine salt
- 3 to 4 thin slices prosciutto (2 ounces), torn into bite-size pieces
- ¼ cup chopped fresh mint leaves
- ¼ cup (about 1 ounce) roasted and salted pistachios, coarsely chopped
- ¼ cup fresh lemon juice (from about 2 lemons)
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon ground sumac, plus more for serving

Compared with other cucumbers, Armenian cucumbers are milder, with a mellow, balanced flavor, and they're rarely bitter.

Steps

- Slice the Armenian cucumbers crosswise into rounds about ¼-inch thick. (If the cucumbers are wider than 2 inches, halve them lengthwise before slicing.)
- Arrange the cucumbers and cantaloupe on a large serving platter, and season lightly with salt. (The prosciutto and salted pistachios will also add saltiness.) Tuck the torn prosciutto among the fruit, then scatter the mint and pistachios evenly over the top.
- In a small bowl or liquid measuring cup, whisk together the lemon juice, olive oil and sumac until combined. Taste, and adjust the seasoning as needed; the dressing should be bright and tart.
- Drizzle the dressing evenly over the entire salad, making sure it reaches the cucumbers, cantaloupe and prosciutto. Lightly sprinkle with sumac and serve immediately.

Substitutions

- Armenian cucumbers >> mini (Persian) cucumbers, though their texture and flavor will differ.
- Vegetarian? >> Omit the prosciutto, and add crumbled feta or thin shavings of a cheese such as ricotta salata or Manchego for saltiness.

Nutrition | Per serving (generous 1 cup), based on 6: 150 calories, 10g carbohydrates, 8mg cholesterol, 11g fat, 2g fiber, 5g protein, 2g saturated fat, 254mg sodium, 7g sugar

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Your supermarket’s wine aisle might surprise you

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tend to like sweeter wines, and other parts like drier wines,” says Curtis Mann, a Master of Wine and the vice president of wine, beer and spirits at Kroger.

Local sourcing is another factor. For example, if you’re shopping for cabernet sauvignon at a Kroger in Southern California, you might see options from nearby Paso Robles, Mann says. “In Washington state, there are going to be cabernets from Columbia Valley or Red Mountain. And, on the East Coast, it’s usually more import-driven because it’s closer to Europe,” he says.

2. People who are serious about wine don’t buy it at supermarkets.

One of the biggest misconceptions I hear about supermarket wines is that they’re somehow less legit than bottles purchased elsewhere. This is untrue.

Do many wine professionals wish we could all patronize independent shops to purchase lovingly produced, small-production bottles delivered by cartoon birds? Of course we do; we’re insufferable. But that’s not realistic. Personally, I’d rather everyone have access to wines they enjoy than moralize about who buys what and where.

Besides, some grocers go out of their way to source well-made bottles in the same way they might prioritize local produce or sustainably farmed seafood, says Belinda Chang, a James Beard Award-winning sommelier based in Chicago.

“Grocery stores have just improved overall,” says Chang, who regularly buys wine at Costco and Mariano’s. “The idea that it’s not cool to shop for wine in your local grocery store is really outdated.”

The trick is to read labels carefully, adds Chris Jenkins, the wine ambassador at Crimson Lane Vineyards in Linden, Virginia. “Look for the importer’s name if you’re familiar with importers, or look for a specific region — the more specific the better,” he says. In other words, seek out a Willamette Valley chardonnay as opposed to Oregon white wine.

Jenkins finds that many supermarkets carry good-value crémants, or sparkling wines from French regions other than Champagne. “You can do really well with crémant in the $18 to $25 range,” he says.

Chang’s supermarket go-tos include easy-drinking rosés, as well as red and white blends from La Vieille Ferme, a label from France’s Rhône Valley. Those bottles cost between $8 and $17.

3. Bottles from prestigious wine regions are overpriced.

At large supermarket chains, the best value tends to be among well-known grape varieties and regions, Chang says. It’s a numbers game: Chains require ample inventory, so supermarkets are more likely to sell established crowd-pleasers than deep cuts. The former category includes things like New Zealand sauvignon blanc and malbec from Argentina.

“Go for classic things in the grocery store,” Chang says. “If I’m looking for something I’ve never had before, that’s when I’d go to my local wine shop, my trusted advisers.”

4. Private label wines are always good — or always plonk.

Aldi’s Specially Selected, Target’s California Roots, Costco’s Kirkland Signature, and the Charles Shaw and Two-Buck Chuck bottles at Trader Joe’s are all private labels. That means the wine was produced especially for a retailer, so you’re unlikely to find the winemaker’s name anywhere on the bottle.

“We work directly with the wineries,” explains Arlin Zajmi, Aldi’s director of national buying for adult beverages. “It’s very efficient how we develop these packages, the branding and the marketing behind it. That gives us a lot of room for incredible value.”

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> **Belinda Chang,** sommelier

Private label wines can offer significant savings, but quality varies. The brands aren’t necessarily linked to a certain winemaker or even region. As a result, you might love a bottle of Charles Shaw pinot noir one year and dislike it the next. (This can happen with any wine you purchase, of course. Bottles might have also been improperly stored, one could be corked or you may just be in a different head space during the second go-around.)

5. There’s nothing you can do if you bring home a dud.

If you take a chance on a supermarket wine and don’t like how it tastes, all is not lost. Inexpensive reds, whites, rosés and bubbles make excellent cocktail ingredients.

Add a splash of soda and a citrus wheel to turn any wine into a spritzer. Or take a cue from Spain, and combine equal parts red wine and cola to make a Kalimotxo or swap in lemon-lime soda for a Tinto de Verano.

“My instinct is always to turn it into a sangria or mulled wine,” Chang says. Recently, she simmered rosé with green cardamom and pink peppercorns, and then chilled and served it over pebble ice as a summery, aromatic refresher. “There’s always a way to make it work.”

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Using summer tomatoes on pizza, ideas for sage and more

Q&A

BECKY KRYSTAL

Each Thursday at 11 a.m., Post recipes editor Becky Krystal answers questions and provides practical cooking advice in a chat with readers at washingtonpost.com/community. *Here are edited excerpts. Recipes whose names are capitalized can be found at our Recipes landing page at* washingtonpost.com/recipes.

Q: I am in the process of cleaning out the depths of my garage refrigerator. I have several jars of fig jam, pumpkin butter, pickles and similar things that are so old that I don't remember when I opened them. Should I just pitch everything and start over, or can some of it be salvaged?
A: This is one of those questions that no matter how I answer, people will probably criticize me. Official guidance from USDA is jams are good for 6 to 12 months in the fridge after opening, pickles 1 to 3 months. If they're so old that you don't know how long they've been open, that doesn't necessarily inspire me with tons of confidence. But you have to decide your own level of risk. I've had people tell me they use this stuff years later, but that's not how I roll typically. If it's a few jars, and you're a little nervous about safety, I wouldn't blame you for bidding them a fond farewell, starting over and then being attentive to using things sooner (and labeling the jars with the date you open them).

Q: Some recipes call for cooking corn on the cob for 5 or 10 minutes, but I like it barely heated up (steamed for less than a minute). Is it safe to eat it "undercooked," and how does the nutritional value change during cooking?
A: You can certainly eat raw or not fully cooked corn. (Though some people have a harder time digesting raw corn — it gives me a stomach ache!) As far as the nutrition, I've been trying to dig into some of the studies out there, but it's a bit above my level of expertise and time. In short, cooking does have an affect on the carbs/sugars, but as to whether that is consequential for most people in good health in the amounts you're likely eating it? Probably not. I'd say eat it however you like it.

Q: My oven has a convection bake and a convection broil option. When would I choose this over the typical bake and broil options, and if I used convection bake, would I need to adjust the temperature?
A: Convection is best for things you want brown and crisp — roasting meat and vegetables, some cookies. Convection broil might not be that much different from regular broil since the traditional broil is already pretty powerful. But the fan will be going, so you'll get more even heat around the food. I can't tell you whether you need to reduce the temperature, because it depends on your oven. My oven automatically drops the temperature by 25 degrees when I select convection — so if a recipe calls for 400 degrees and I decide to use convection, the oven will program to 375 degrees. If your oven doesn't have that feature, then, yes, best to reduce the temp yourself by 25 degrees to see how it goes.

Q: I've been following your advice and diligently saving the bones from my grocery store deli roasted chickens, to the point where I have a gallon-size freezer bag bulging at the seams. Now what? All the recipes I see talk about turning a single rotisserie chicken carcass into stock, and I have a lot more bones than that! Is there some kind of formula, more than a recipe per se, along the lines of, "For each pound of bones, use X number/cups of onions, carrots, celery, etc."?
A: I don't know of a formula, and truthfully, I'm a bit devil-may-care, use-what-I-have when it comes to stock and broth. If you have a big enough pot, I think you could easily use all those bones at once, using just enough water to cover them. Or use half for one batch and half for another. Off the top of my head, I'd throw in one onion (halved), a few carrots and a few celery stalks. Maybe with some peppercorns, too. Parsley stems if you have them. It's very flexible and forgiving in my experience. And you can always cook it longer to concentrate the flavor more.

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Q: Are the rinds of gruyere cheese suitable to pop into soups and such, as are the parmesan rinds?
A: Yes, if you decide you don't want to eat it (barring any wax or anything else on there), you can certainly use it just like you would a parmesan rind.

Q: Can I use your Pillowy Pull-Apart Dinner Rolls recipe for a loaf of bread instead? If yes, assuming I'll need to adjust the baking — either temp or time or both. We love the texture of those rolls and would equally love a larger slab/loaf size slice!
A: Oh that would be fun! You could try to use the same rough technique and time/temp from our recipe for Pepperoni Pull-Apart Bread.

Q: Do you think your recipe for Extremely Slow-Roasted Turkey Breast would work in a big Nesco roaster? We keep ours on the patio all summer for baking, but I'd love to roast a turkey breast without heating up our old house. Something about the low temperature worries me without an oven.
A: I don't know the specs of your model, but if it does have temperature controls that include the temps specified in the recipe (450 degrees at the high end and 175 at the lower), it would probably be okay? A quick glance shows that 200 degrees might be the minimum temp on the roaster, and if that's the case, it would just cook for less time in the last step.

Q: I have used evaporated milk undiluted in waffles and muffins. I did not see any negative impact. What, if any, impact could it have on breads using yeast?
A: I might not be inclined to use evaporated milk in yeasted breads, which are a bit more sensitive to ingredients. For one, it's thicker and denser, so it may weigh down the dough more. And because it's been cooked down, it has roughly double the sugars and proteins, which could potentially affect rise and color.

Q: When I've looked at the nutrition info on cocoa powder(s) in my cupboard, and then ones in the store, they're ALL different. I'm not worried about calories, just why they're not closer. Do you happen to know if this is just what the manufacturer guesses at, versus each one going through a bomb calorimeter for those numbers? I realize the differences are insignificant, it's just something that bugged me.
A: There can be some variability in how the cocoa powder is produced (beyond whether it's Dutch-process or not), which can affect the levels of fat and starch, and therefore potentially calories, too. I suspect this may explain what you're seeing. (And also make sure you're not looking at sweetened options, which are out there.)

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TOP: Big Little Summer Tomato Pizza takes advantage of summer tomatoes and herbs.

MIDDLE: Pillowy Pull-Apart Dinner Rolls bake beautifully into each other, which contributes both height and an attractive pull-apart appearance.

BOTTOM: The glaze in Vanilla Sheet Cake With Strawberry Glaze is made from freeze-dried strawberries.

Q: When a recipe specifically lists "light" or "dark" brown sugar or "natural" or "Dutch-process" cocoa powder, what are the pros and cons of using the other? If I may ask another question, I raved previously about your Overnight New York-Style Cheesecake recipe. I don't want to mess with perfection, but a Washington Post recipe for Vanilla Sheet Cake With Strawberry Glaze listed freeze-dried strawberry powder for the glaze. How much of the strawberry powder should I add to flavor the cheesecake batter?
A: Light or dark brown sugar simply differs in how much molasses is mixed in — that can affect moisture and acidity, and obviously color. In lower amounts, it's typically not consequential. The higher the amount in a recipe, though, you may start to see more differences than you want because of the greater or lesser amount of molasses. America's Test Kitchen recommends not swapping them 1 for 1 at 1/4 cup and above. As for cocoa powder, in a nutshell, natural is more acidic than Dutch-process, which has been treated to reduce the acidity. This affects flavor, color and the type of leavener the recipe needs. I'm not really sure what to suggest about the freeze-dried strawberries! Baked into a cake, it may end up being very subtle. So you might need a lot to actually taste it, but too much could end up affecting the texture. It's hard to say. You could try baking the actual pieces of strawberries into the cake so you get nice little bursts of strawberry flavor.

Q: I've had good luck making crispy bread sticks using my homemade French bread dough. But now I'm wondering if I could use The Washington Post's great Pillowy Pull-Apart Dinner Roll recipe for soft bread sticks (like the ones at Olive Garden). Do you think this would work? If not, can you recommend a more appropriate recipe? Also, should I brush them with garlic butter before or after baking?
A: I actually think that recipe might be a little too enriched/sweet for breadsticks. I've seen recipes that use doughs more like pizza dough. You could try our No-Knead Pizza Dough or Neapolitan-Style Pizza Dough.

Q: I'm looking for ways to use a large jar of salted butter caramel sauce that I was gifted. I know I can use it as a dip or sauce for fruit or as part of cake frosting. Do you have other suggestions?
A: Caramel is great in a tart. Also millionaire's shortbread! Could also be part of a sandwich cookie filling or thumbprint cookie topping. Here are some options: Tahini Salted Caramel Tart; Chocolate Caramel Tart; Salt Caramel Millionaire's Shortbread; Brown Butter Salted Caramel Cookies; Salted Caramel Sandwich Cookies.

Q: My sage plants have produced well this summer. I have even dried a good amount of it. On super hot days I can dry it in the sun. Now what do I use dried and fresh sage on, minus holiday meals? Another question — is it worth the effort to dry fresh basil and mint?
A: I feel like the effort required to dry herbs is pretty low, as it's mostly a passive process. I guess you need to decide if it's worth it for you personally and if you have dishes you'd use them in. Here are some sage recipes (the lemonade is great): Mint and Sage Lemonade; Pickled Parsley or Sage; Gnocchi With Brown Butter and Sage; Farfalle With Salmon, Peas and Sage; Butternut Squash and Sage Oven Risotto; Seed-to-Skin Squash and Sage Pasta.

Q: The tomatoes in our garden are finally starting to ripen — Roma, San Marzano, beefsteak, cherry. Do you have tips for which variety to use to top homemade pizza, and techniques for keeping them from making the pizza soggy?
A: Cherry tomatoes are going to have the least amount of liquid. Romas/San Marzano are lower, too. Our Big Little Summer Tomato Pizza recipe just has you use halved cherry tomatoes and slices of large tomato. If you're worried about moisture with something like the beefsteak, you could slice them, lightly salt them and let them drain on a towel and pat them dry. And just don't use too many. Or you could turn them into something else, like our 12-Hour Tomatoes.

8 satisfying meals to help you hit your protein goals on busy evenings

BY VICTORIA CARUSO

We're living in a protein-maxxing world, one where the "high-protein" label has made its way onto just about everything, including products you wouldn't traditionally associate with this essential macronutrient, such as popcorn, coffee and even water.

As Nourish columnist Ellie Krieger wrote, protein "is necessary to build and maintain muscle and other tissues, create red blood cells, and keep hair, skin and fingernails healthy. It helps produce antibodies and keeps our immune systems running strong. Protein is satiating, helping us stay fuller longer after a meal, and it helps temper spikes in blood sugar when eaten with carbohydrate-rich foods."

That being said, most people can get enough of it without adding pricey protein products into the mix.

We've put together a list of naturally protein-rich dinners to help you hit your daily protein goals without much effort. Each has at least 30 grams of protein and will keep you feeling full and satisfied.

You can find these and other high-protein dishes in our recipe archives at *wapo.st/findrecipes*.

1. Grilled Chicken With Charred Corn and Poblanos

Chicken breast is an excellent source of protein. Here it's grilled, then served atop a bed of bold and citrusy salad made with charred corn, poblanos and mashed avocado for a satiating meal that boasts 36 grams of protein per serving.

2. Edamame Spaghetti With Peas and Pistachios

Peas, mint, lemon, garlic and red pepper flakes form the spicy sauce in this protein-packed, legume-based pasta dish where each serving delivers 39 grams of the macronutrient.

3. Chaman Kaliya (Paneer in Yellow Gravy)

The star of this creamy, complex dish is paneer, a fresh cheese popular in South Asian cuisine that happens to be high in protein. Each serving of this comforting curry offers 32 grams of protein.

4. Skillet Turkey Kielbasa With Lentils and Kale

If you're looking to put a dinner together quickly, consider this hearty skillet meal. It comes together in just 20 minutes, thanks to canned lentils, and delivers 30 grams of protein in each serving.

5. Chicken Spiedie Salad With Grilled Bread

This recipe from Ellie Krieger transforms the popular handheld sandwich from Binghamton, New York, into a flavorful salad with cubes of grilled, marinated meat. Each serving contains a whopping 46 grams of protein.

6. Grilled Shrimp With Gochujang and Honey

A little honey and spicy gochujang go a long way in these flavor-packed shrimp skewers. Bonus: It clocks in at 35 grams of protein per serving.

7. Brown Sugar and Chili-Rubbed Salmon Sheet Pan Dinner

With minimal prep or cleanup, this sheet-pan salmon recipe is a weeknight hero and offers 38 grams of protein per serving. While the dish calls for Yukon Gold potatoes and spring onions or large scallions, you can easily substitute in any vegetables you have on hand.

8. Rice Bowls With Chicken, Feta, Olives and Tomatoes

With 36 grams of protein per serving, these Mediterranean-style grain bowls are a favorite among our readers. "The mix of juicy chicken, tangy feta, and briny olives with sweet tomatoes is just *chef's kiss*,"one reviewer wrote. "Super simple, easy to riff on," another said.

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A little honey and spicy gochujang pack a big punch in Grilled Shrimp With Gochujang and Honey.

REY LOPEZ/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST; FOOD STYLING BY LISA CHERKASKY

Rice Bowls With Chicken, Feta, Olives and Tomatoes is a favorite among readers.

TOM MCCORKLE/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST; FOOD STYLING BY GINA NISTICO

Edamame Spaghetti With Peas and Pistachios offers a formidable 39 grams of protein per serving.

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The star of Chaman Kaliya is paneer, a fresh cheese popular in South Asian cuisine that happens to be high in protein.

Chaman Kaliya (Paneer in Yellow Gravy)

4 servings

This Kashmiri recipe from author and chef Romy Gill channels the best of the region's cooking: a simple technique with a delectable result, full of complex flavors from the layering of spices. Gill calls it a "beautiful, tasty bowl of yellow sunshine," and it is. To make this dish vegan, substitute extra-firm tofu for the paneer and full-fat coconut milk for the dairy milk.

Storage: Refrigerate for up to 4 days, or freeze for up to 3 months.

Where to buy: Mustard oil, asafetida (hing), dried fenugreek leaves (kasuri methi), black cardamom and Indian green chiles can be found in Indian and some international markets. Paneer can also be found there, as well as in many well-stocked supermarkets.

Active time: 35 mins; **Total time:** 45 mins

Adapted from "On the Himalayan Trail: Recipes and Stories from Kashmir to Ladakh" by Romy Gill (Hardie Grant, 2022).

Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons mustard oil (see Substitutions)
- 1 pound paneer, cubed
- 8 green cardamom pods
- 4 black cardamom pods
- 4 whole cloves
- 1 teaspoon cumin seeds
- 3 bay leaves
- 2 whole Indian green chiles, such as Kashmiri, halved lengthwise
- 1½ teaspoons ground fennel
- 1 teaspoon ground turmeric
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon fine salt
- ½ teaspoons asafetida powder (hing)
- 1¼ cups hot water
- 1¼ cups whole milk
- 1 teaspoon dried fenugreek leaves (kasuri methi)
- Cooked rice, for serving

Steps

- In a large skillet over medium heat, heat the oil until it shimmers. Add the paneer and fry until lightly browned on all sides, about 2 minutes per side. (The paneer tends to sputter in oil; use a splatter guard if needed.) Transfer to a plate.
- Add the green and black cardamom, cloves, cumin seeds and bay leaves to the pan and cook, stirring, until very fragrant, about 1 minute, then add the chiles, fennel, turmeric, ginger, salt and asafetida. Cook, stirring, until fragrant, about 1 minute, then pour in the hot water.
- Increase the heat and bring to a boil, then reduce the heat until the liquid is simmering, add the fried paneer and cook until the water slightly reduces, about 3 minutes. Pour in the milk and cook until the gravy thickens, 8 to 10 minutes.
- Stir in the fenugreek leaves, divide among serving bowls and serve hot with rice.

Substitutions

- Mustard oil >> neutral oil, such as sunflower or avocado.
- Paneer >> extra-firm tofu, drained and patted dry.
- Indian chiles >> Thai green chiles or serrano chiles.
- Regular milk >> full-fat coconut milk.

Nutrition | Per serving (½ cup, without rice): 502 calories, 17g carbohydrates, 91mg cholesterol, 38g fat, 3g fiber, 32g protein, 19g saturated fat, 714mg sodium, 9g sugar

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You can easily substitute any vegetable you have on hand in this Brown Sugar and Chili-Rubbed Salmon Sheet Pan Dinner.

Brown Sugar and Chili-Rubbed Salmon Sheet Pan Dinner

4 servings

Here are the three top reasons to love this weeknight sheet pan salmon: minimal prep and cleanup; the sweet and spicy rub for the fish; and potatoes that crisp on the outside and stay tender on the inside.

Storage: Refrigerate for up to 2 days.

Active time: 20 mins; **Total time:** 25 mins

Adapted from "Oven to Table: Over 100 One-Pot and One-Pan Recipes for Your Sheet Pan, Skillet, Dutch Oven and More," by Jan Scott (Penguin/Random House, 2019).

Ingredients

- 1 pound small Yukon Gold potatoes, halved if wider than 2 inches
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- ½ teaspoon fine salt, plus more as needed
- 12 ounces young/thin spring onions or large scallions, root ends trimmed
- 1 lime
- 2 tablespoons light brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- Four (6-ounce) skin-on salmon fillets, preferably center-cut (see Notes)

Steps

- Position a rack in the upper third of the oven and preheat to 425 degrees. Line a large sheet pan with parchment paper.
- Place the potatoes on the prepared sheet pan, drizzle with 1 tablespoon of the oil and season lightly with salt. Toss to coat, then spread out into an even layer, cut sides down. Roast for 10 minutes; they will not be cooked through.
- In a medium bowl, toss the spring onions with 1 tablespoon of the oil to coat. Zest the lime, then cut it in half.
- Remove the pan from the oven and set on a heatproof surface. Push the potatoes to one side to make room for the salmon. Add the spring onions (either around the edges or in a separate cleared space), season lightly with salt, and sprinkle with the lime zest.
- In a small bowl, stir together the brown sugar, chili powder and the ½ teaspoon of salt. Brush the tops of the salmon fillets with the remaining 1 tablespoon of oil, then rub the brown sugar mixture evenly over each one.
- Return the pan to the oven and roast for about 12 minutes (there will still be some slightly translucent flesh at the center of the fish), or until the salmon is done to your liking and the onions and potatoes are cooked through.
- Squeeze lime juice over everything in the pan. Serve hot.

Notes

- Sometimes a center-cut piece of salmon will have about 2 inches of thin belly on one side; for even cooking, we like to tuck that bit under the fillet.

Nutrition | Per serving: 570 calories, 30g carbohydrates, 95mg cholesterol, 33g fat, 6g fiber, 38g protein, 7g saturated fat, 420mg sodium, 8g sugar

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